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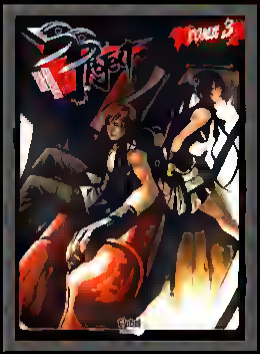

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TOME 5

C'est enfin le jour du dernier match des éliminatoires pour l'équipe du lycée Shoboku ! C'est Shinmaru Kyotekisei qui affrontu l'équipe Taiyo en premier. Cette dernière ne brillu pourtant pas pour avoir des combattants exceptionnels. Qu'est-ce qui justifie alors l'untrée dans l'arène du l'un des grands favoris du tournoi du B.B. Project ? Au risque du révéler le nature du son pouvoir pourtant resté secret jusqu'à maintenant...

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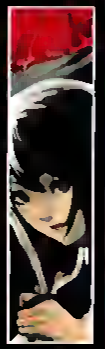

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TOME 5

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Main characters' introduction

Due to limited space, we'll restrict this only to members of the Shohoku team.

FRANCK LECLERC

This story's hero. Aside from his difficulty to discover his flame Seishin, Franck is considered a beast.. In short, when it comes to hitting power and endurance, there's no one better suited to be a tank!!

MEGUMI KYOTEKISEI

Shinmaru's little sister. What she lacks in strength, she makes up with her technique and her flexibility. On top of possessing a completely uber Seishin!! A knight in all her splendour!!

SHINMARU KYOTEKISEI

One of the big favourites in B.B. Project!! His power is quite feared and his skills above average.. Theoretically fated to face Chuujitsu HOMARE Shinmaru has everything it takes to become a champion.

SHINTA MIKANAMI

"You can't judge a book by its cover" takes all its meaning with a character as fragile as him but whose power reveals a monster possessing true power! Besides, Shinta would be the real beast. A true berserker...

KYOKO VACANTI

An extremely keen fighter who has Shohoku's highest absenteeism rate!! Her Seishin allows her to generate "shields" against any offensive and she is so nimble that she would shame even the best thieves

B.B. Project in a few panels..

In short, it's a story about Frank Leclerc, a young high school student who leaves France to seek glory and adventures in a country called Japan and more specifically in a prefecture called Kyoto..
KYOTO
During his journey, this young frenchy decides to come to the rescue of a young native surrounded by some of the local bumpkins.
Contrary to all expectations, it seems that this young girl has powers just like a certain Dragonball anime..
Everything happens so quickly!! Our hero thus meets Megumi's older brother (The super-saiyan) who enrols him in a tournament!!
.. DON'T RACK YOUR BRAINS OVER YOUR PARTICIPATION, JUST A CROSS WILL BE ENOUGH!!
In order to prepare for this tournament, Franck goes through an intense training regimen from the "best-of-the-best"
.. And the fated day finally arrives!!! Well-versed in several techniques, our friend can now rise to the title of..
...MASTER CHEF!!!
... I think we slightly got sidetracked from the story... Anyway, as I said, summaries are worthless!! You just had to follow the story!!!

Chapter 17

LAND OF WARLORD

DAMN, I HAD A ONE IN FIVE CHANCE...

VS
JUST ONE IN FUCKING FIVE CHANCE!!!
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE! I MUST BE DAMNED! WHY HIM? AND MOST IMPORTANTLY... WHY ME?!
Kitamura Keisuke
Maeda Yuji
Endo Mayu

Everything had started so fine... a true gift from the heavens!!
Meet me near the Kyoto metro station at 16 o'clock...
THERE'S NO POSSIBLE ERROR. IT'S REALLY HERE. I HOPE IT'S NOT A JOKE OR WORSE... MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME ALONE...
KRR!!!
I KNEW IT! RUN!
?!!
SPLAH

V.V.V!!
UHH...
PLAF
Use Salvation
VRROOM
MY HRIK!!
(*"Rentaka for" Rent a car")

GREAT... IT'S SOAKING WET...
I have no idea how they managed to find a document containing all the information concerning the Shohoku team. It's literally a bible for a newbie fighter...
WHEW... THANK GOODNESS I DIDN'T PAY FOR IT.
FUCK, WHY DIDN'T WE THINK OF THAT??!
IF ONLY WATER DIDN'T ERASE THE PART ABOUT SHINMARU KYOTEKISEI!! (CONVENIENTLY)

Huh?! What is he talking about?!
YOU SEEM TO BE HESITATING BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE...
.....YOU CAN ALWAYS SWITCH WITH ANOTHER PARTICIPANT FROM YOUR TEAM OR YOU CAN ALL ATTACK ME AT THE SAME TIME, IT DOESN'T REALLY BOTHER ME.
. . .
Come on, go for it!
YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT IT'S PRETTY TEMPTING, NO?
NO, YOU'VE GOT A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN DISCOVERING HIS SEISHIN
WELL, YOU'VE GOTTA DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO...
Major role right there!

CRAK
PLIC

WOOO AHH..
SLAP SWAP
WAIT!! I'M NOT READY. I'M NOT REAAADYY YY!!!
HEY, GUYS!! HELP ME OR I'LL DIIIEEEE!!!!
AHHH.. I'M TELLING YOU, I'M.. GOHH..
UGHH!!
PA
Don't really feel like helping him...

WHAT A BORE.. AND HERE I WAS THINKING SHINMARU WOULD FIGHT AGAINST SOME STRONG GUYS, I'M DISAPPOINTED/ HE MIGHT NOT EVEN NEED HIS SEISHIN..
ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE THE STRONGEST FROM SHOKOKU?/
THOUGH.. HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING IMPRESSIVE SO FAR.. HIS HITS ARE PREDICTABLE EVEN FOR AN AMATEUR/
BE PATIENT. THE MATCH HAS JUST BEGUN
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, YOU'D REALIZE IT'S PART OF HIS STRATEGY. BESIDES, AS YOU SAID, HE'S THE STRONGEST FROM SHOKOKU.

SAY, MEGUMI
DO YOU KNOW WHY MIKANAMI, ALTHOUGH HE IS 17 YEARS OLD, CAN'T GO OUT AFTER 10 P.M.?
Pisses me off, I didn't want to have to replace him
NO DOUBT BECAUSE HE'S THE HEIR OF THE MIKANAMI FAMILY.
THUS HE NEEDS TO MASTER ALL ASPECTS OF THEIR TRADITIONS, WHICH DEMANDS A LOT OF TIME AND ENERGY
Also, he looks like a kid

HA HA
FUUU... AAHH...
...JUST A LITTLE MORE... THAT'S IT, CLOSER... NOW'S TIME TO COUNTER-ATTACK!
YOU'LL MOST CERTAINLY FEEL THAT ONE!!!

AND BANG!
You're dead
Note by Keisuke
Worse than that, you die... You could have at least said something better than that for our readers!!

BLAZ
WHAT?! HE CAN DO THAT TOO?!
NICE TRY BUT IT'S TOO BAD THAT IT'S...
...USELESS
DAMN!!
BULLS... EYE...
Yuji Wow and you dare commenting my dialogues...
Mayu Alright, that's enough you two!!
Keisuke But uuuhhhh...

BULLSEYE!! WASN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL...
IMPOSSIBLE!! HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A SCRATCH! EVEN THOUGH I GAVE IT ALL I HAD!

TA TA TA

GRIP
GRAC
I... I never saw it coming..
HUH...?!
YOUR SEISHIN IS INTERESTING BUT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE FAVOURED DISTANCE TO HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT
OH CRAP, I'M DONE FOR!!
HELP ME, QUICK!!
BY THE WAY, THANKS FOR THE SMALL GIFT.

WHAT THE...?!

FRESH
COME ON YUJI, WE NEED TO ACT QUICKLY
WE HAVE LESS THAN 20 SECONDS TO DEFEAT HIM.
HOLD HIM DOWN SO I CAN DELIVER THE FINAL BLOW!
GOOD IDEA... IF THE OPPONENT DIDN'T KNOW!
ARE YOU NUTS?! I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!

OH, IT'S AN ELITE CHIMERA!!!
A WHAT?!
SHE RECOGNIZES THAT ANIMAL?!
NO NO, I DON'T KNOW HER ..
OH?!
DIDN'T EXPECT THIS... SO YOU KNOW THAT RACE CAME STRAIGHT OUT OF LAND OF WARLORD?!
DAMN STRAIGHT! I PERSONALLY *FARMED* HUNDREDS OF THEM!!
FOR REAL?! BUT I THOUGHT YOU NEEDED AT LEAST A LEVEL 35 TO KILL ONE... DON'T TELL ME THAT...
35?! I WENT PAST THAT A LONG TIME AGO I THINK I'M AT 57 NOW AND I JUST STARTED A SPECIAL QUEST...
WHAT?! BUT THE UPDATE TO GO OVER 50 WAS JUST YESTERDAY!!
HEHE TO GET XP, YOU SHOULD EQUIP YOURSELF WITH...
They're completely nuts...
DOES IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE AT THE KYOTO GAME SHOW HERE?! WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A MATCH!!
KILLJOY!!

IN THE MIDDLE OF A MATCH, EXACTLY!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE YOUR BIG BROTHER. I'M HANDLING THE SITUATION PERFECTLY WELL.
NOW'S THE TIME!!
AND ATTACKING ME FROM BEHIND ISN'T GOING TO CHANGE ANYTHING.

TOGETHER, WE ARE UNSTOP-PABLE!
WE'RE UNSTOPPABLE!
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

!!
PLAF
I SEE YOUR VICTORIES UNTIL NOW WERE ACTUALLY JUST DUE TO LUCK
... AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I'M YOUR OPPONENT.

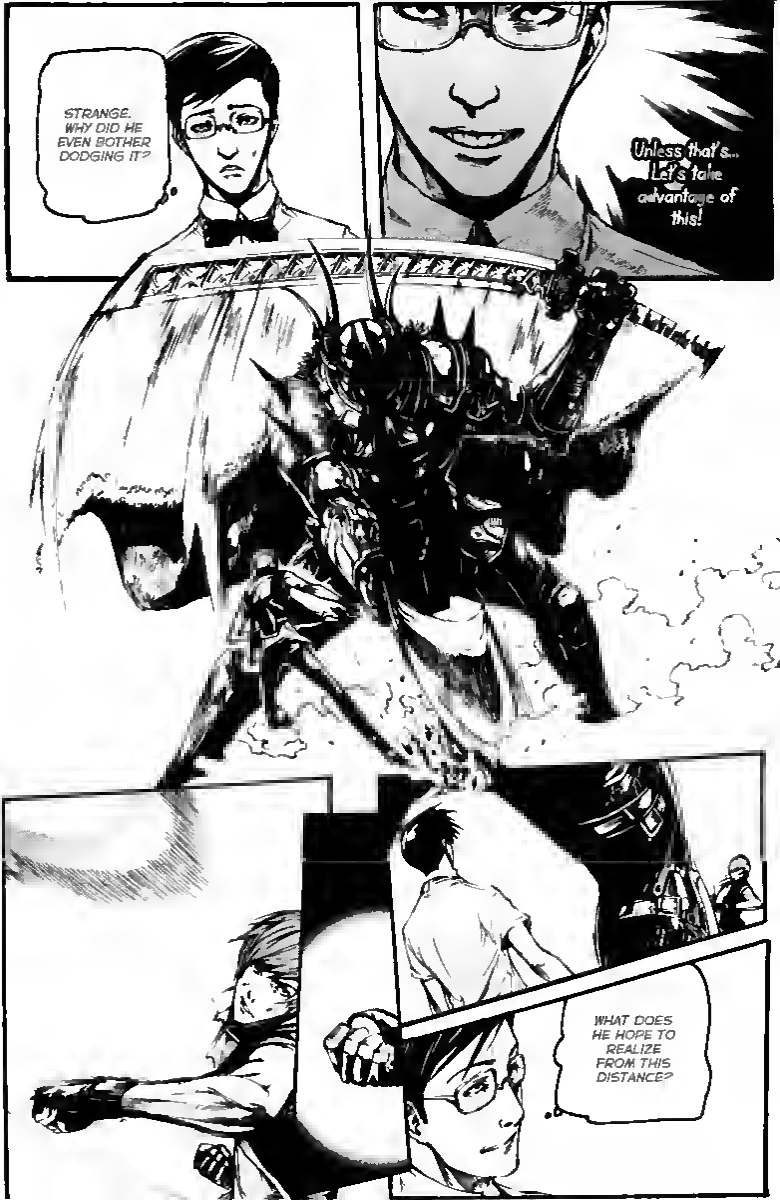
I RECOGNIZE THAT YOU HONOUR YOUR REPUTATION, SHINMARU KYOTEKISEI OR RATHER "MUTEKISEI"
FIGURES, HE'S A KYOTEKISEI AFTER ALL... NO SEISHIN FORM CAN GET TO HIM.
ACTUALLY NO! CONTRARY TO APPEARANCES...
BUT... BUT WHAT IS IT THEN?!
I WON'T SAY ANY MORE, YOU COULD END UP REPEATING IT TO EVERYBODY!!
WWWHH WHAT!?
OH YOU ORACLE WHO SEES ALL... ENLIGHTEN ME WITH YOUR KNOWLEDGE
SURE!!
By the way, it's a good thing you asked me because our families actually have been tied to each other for centuries...
Everything began the year of our Lord 1XXX, when one of my illustrious ancestors met a Kyotekisei during a battle where he displayed enormous bravery... Hey, are you listening?!
He's literally melting away...

POW
I UNDERSTAND NOW WHY MY BROTHER DECIDED TO GO FIRST...

I WON'T END UP LIKE YUJI...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!! HOW CAN HE DESTROY MY INVOCATIONS SO ERSILY??!!
STAY BACK!! STAY BACK, I'M WARNING YOU!!
FRANCK

... If Franck took his spot, he would have been no match against this opponent.

...
KANG


STRANGE. WHY DID HE EVEN BOTHER DODGING IT?
Unless that's... Let's take advantage of this!
WHAT DOES HE HOPE TO REALIZE FROM THIS DISTANCE?

BAM
AN
ANTEI?!

!!!
GOOD, IT'S TIME TO FINISH THIS!
THERE'S NO DOUBT YOU'RE AN EXCELLENT SEISHIN USER. HOWEVER, YOUR MISTAKE WAS TO THINK MY POWER WAS LIMITED TO ABSORPTION.

BOW
It works!! He's not immune to Antei..
SH... I DIDN'T NOTICE HER...

GET OUT KEISUKE. I'LL HANDLE THIS!
OKAY
TAP
YOU THINK I WILL LET YOU...
ESCAPE...

EVERYTHING RESTS UPON YOUR SHOULDERS...
ALL HOPE SEEMS LOST BUT I'LL GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT!

AND EVEN IF VICTORY ESCAPES US, WE'LL HAVE NO REGRETS...
WHAT IS SHE PLAYING AT? WASTING HER ANTEI LIKE THAT, RIDICULOUS!
I DOUBT SHE COULD DEFEAT HIM BY WEARING HIM DOWN
SHE'S BUYING SOME TIME.
HER ATTACKS ON SHINMARU ARE JUST BAIT...

...A way for her to slow him down while she's gathering all her power in the other hand to unleash a unique but devastating energy.. If she pulls it off, I doubt even Shinmaru could remain unharmed.
WE NEED TO WARN HIM!!
I'M GOING ALL IN!

WHAT ...?!

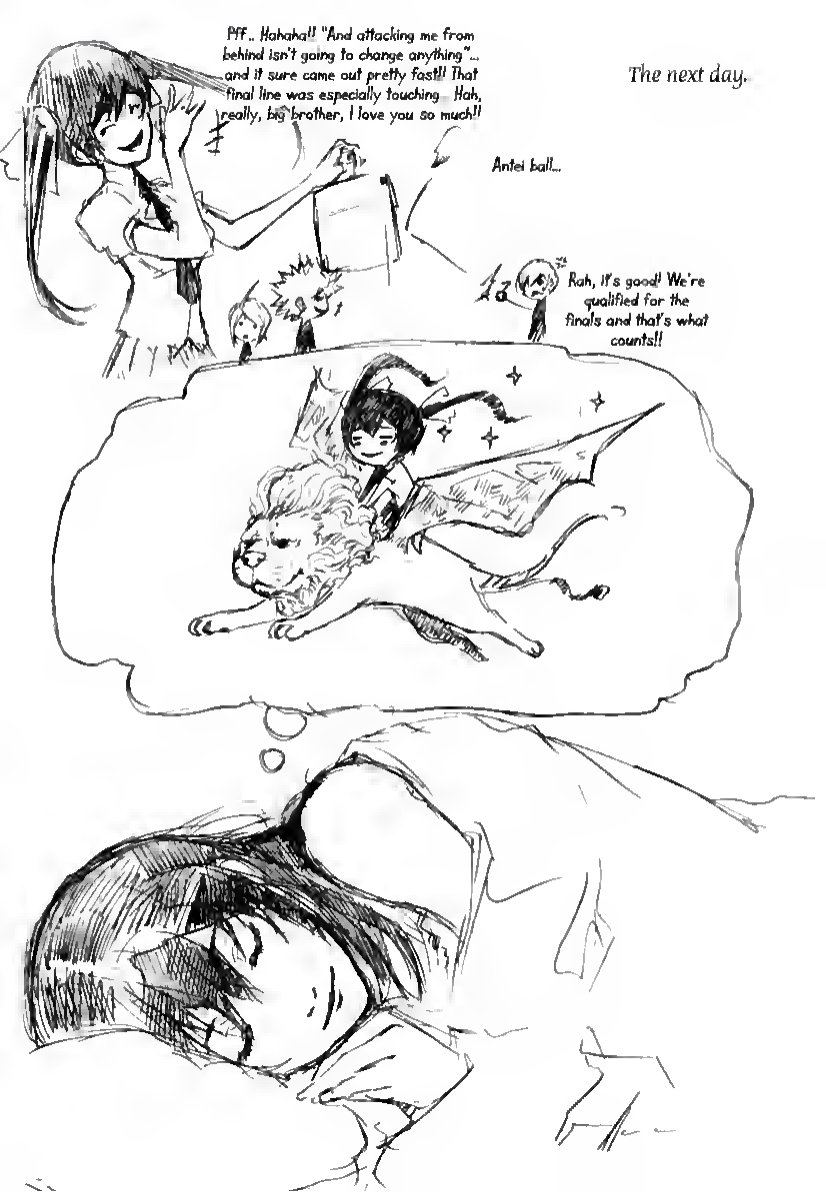
WUM
阻止術
Soshijutsu
(Blocking
Technique)
WHAT JUST
HAPPENED?!
MY ATTACK...
...disappeared?!

I... I don't feel my energy flow anymore...
FINALLY DEVOID OF YOUR POWER. I'LL REASSURE YOU THOUGH, THE EFFECT IS ONLY TEMPORARY.
BESIDES, BEING ABLE TO DODGE MY TECHNIQUE WOULDN'T HAVE CHANGED THE FACT THAT YOU LOST.
YOU SHOULD TAKE A PEEK BEHIND YOU IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME.
BEHIND ME?! WHAT DOES HE MEAN ...?!

DESPITE THE STATE HE WAS IN, HE NEVER ABANDONED YOU...
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN THIS TOURNAMENT. HOWEVER, THERE'S NO SHAME TO LOSE, ESPECIALLY AGAINST ONE OF THE FAVOURITES. BESIDES, IT PROVES THAT THERE'S A LINK A LOT MORE PRECIOUS THAT TIES YOUR TEAM TOGETHER
AH... YOU'RE RIGHT...
...AND IT'S BEEN THAT WAY FOR YEARS...
IT'S GOOD TO BE ABLE TO RELY ON YOUR FRIENDS, ISN'T IT?

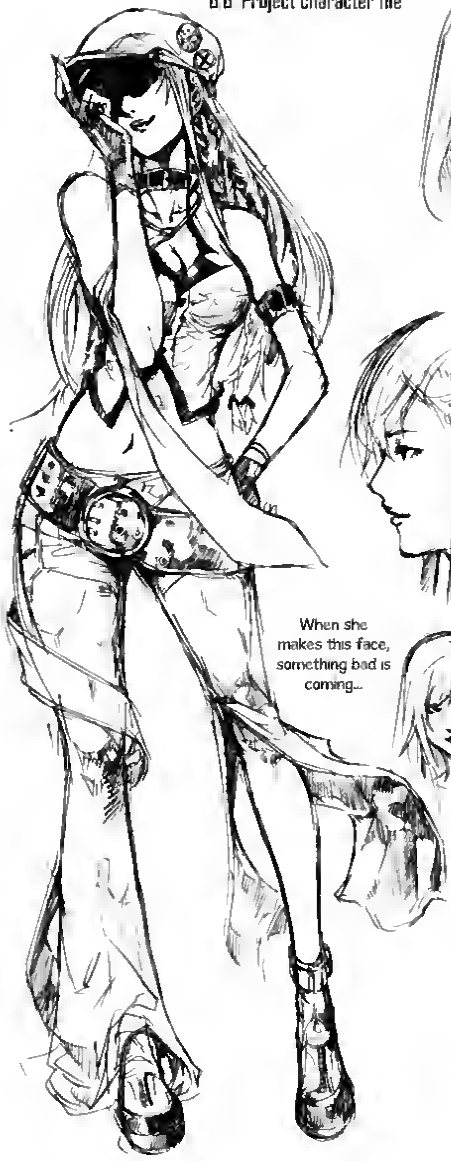
WINNER
SHOHOKU
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, WHY SO MUCH INVOLVEMENT FROM SHINMARU IN THIS TOURNAMENT?!

AHH... MY GOD... PLEASE...
...MAKE IT SO THAT I CAN LAST UNTIL THE END OF THIS TOURNAMENT... FOR MY FRIENDS...


Pff.. Hahaha!! "And attacking me from behind isn't going to change anything"... and it sure came out pretty fast!! That final line was especially touching. Hah, really, big brother, I love you so much!!
The next day.
Antei ball...
Rah, it's good! We're qualified for the finals and that's what counts!!

Way too long to draw!! It's even more difficult than Franck's hair...

When she makes this face, something bad is coming...



KYOKO VACANTI
17 YEARS OLD
(OCTOBER 15)
1.73M

Arrogant, honest, pretentious... There is no lack of words to describe this half-Brazilian, half-Japanese girl second-year student at Shohoku High School (We're starting to wonder if she even goes to classes)! However, many will see in this capoeira user (also possessing Seishin) the image of a strong and independent woman whose motives and background still remain unknown for now. You'll notice that she brags about being the strongest woman of Shohoku (to be confirmed).

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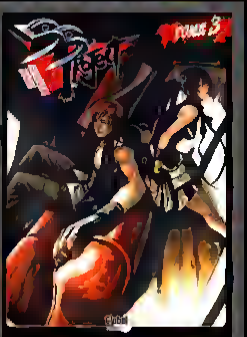

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CHAPTER 18

CRACK
KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL'S TEAM WINS THE MATCH!!
YEAH... EXACTLY AS YOU SAID.
AND HERE COMES OUR TICKET TO THE FINALS!

YOU DON'T LOOK TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT, YEON SEUL. IS THERE A PROBLEM?
NO, NO... ON THE CONTRARY, THIS IS VERY GOOD NEWS
HMM... YOU HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST OUR MANAGER, DON'T YOU?!
TCH...
"OUR MANAGER"?! IS THAT SOME KIND OF JOKE?! AS IF WE EVEN NEEDED ONE! THAT GIRL SIMPLY SQUEEZED HERSELF IN WHEN HER OWN TEAM WAS ELIMINATED!!
TRUE. I CAN'T DENY MY TEAM LOST...

...BUT SINCE I WAS MISSING FROM THE LINCOLN ROSTER NOTHING PREVENTS ME FROM HELPING YOU. BESIDES, THROUGH SHEER LUCK, I ACTUALLY JOINED YOUR SCHOOL NOT TOO LONG AGO...
...ALSO, I AM PART OF THE TEAM FROM NOW ON. WE NEED TO STICK TOGETHER, AIN'T THAT RIGHT BOYS?!
OF COURSE, YOU HAVE OUR 200% SUPPORT!
SELL-OUTS!
What a perfect opportunity to move on to the next round. It was a good thing I insisted on joining this team, however it seems I will have to keep a low profile for a the moment..
I'M GOING HOME... THERE ISN'T ANYTHING LEFT TO DO HERE ANYWAY. MISS, YOU MAY BE LOUIS' GIRLFRIEND, BUT
...I HAVE NO RESPECT FOR YOU

DID YOU SEE THAT, SARAH? THAT WAS FASTER THAN EXPECTED... OH, YEON SEUL ALREADY LEFT?
THAT'S FINE, WE'LL LEAVE AS WELL.
LET ME BE BLUNT, I HOPE THIS CHARADE WILL BE OVER SOON ALL THESE LIES IN THE NAME OF RESEARCH?! JUST WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU INTEND TO FIND OUT?
THE TRUTH OF COURSE, MY DEAR TAYLOR. WHAT IS SEISHIN? WHAT ARE ITS ORIGINS? AND WHY IS IT THAT ONLY THE JAPANESE POSSESS IT?

Incidentally, I had a contact in Japan and was doing some background research for it.
The conclusion was that genetically speaking, we all hold the same potential to be Seishin users theoretically speaking...
SO WHY IS IT THAT SUCH EXCLUSIVITY EXIST? WHAT DIFFERENCE IS THERE? COULD IT BE THAT WE ARE THIS "INFERIOR" TO THEM?! I CANNOT POSSIBLY ADMIT THAT... SUCH TRUTH WOULD BE TERRIBLY FRUSTRATING

異適性
Kyotekisei

SORRY... I DIDN'T INTEND TO HIT HIM SO HARD...
FRANCK!!!
DAMN... I CERTAINLY FELT THAT ONE, BUT AT LEAST I'M STILL ALIVE...

Huh?!
Someone
pinch me..
She's worried
about me?!
For real?!
Maybe I...
THANKS
MEGUMI, YOU
DIDN'T HAVE
TO...

PAK
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR RUINING THIS ANTIQUE!!
PAK
PAK
PAK
I don't care what's your excuse!!
BUT... BUT HOW COULD I KNOW...
UHH... ARE YOU SERIOUS, IT'S REALLY AUTHENTIC? I THOUGHT IT WAS PART OF THE PROTECTED MONUMENTS.
YOU BET! WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS, IT WASN'T EASY, BUT CONSIDER IT AS A LOAN...
There is still a piece sticking out...

HAVE SOME GUTS! THE DAY IS JUST BEGINNING...
I'll fall...
Just like this!
POOR BASTARDS... I CAN ALREADY IMAGINE WHAT HAPPENED...

That reminds me of a rumour on the internet about the new top-secret weapon, created by the Kazuoshi Company, which apparently was stolen a few weeks ago. It seems it was a life-sized "Gamdan" model!!! She couldn't possibly have
HAHA... I MUST BE IMAGINING THINGS...
Trap
STILL TRAINING, I SEE... WHY CAN'T YOU JUST ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL, SUNNY DAY, LECLERC-SAN?
OH WELL, I FIGURE YOU MUST HAVE MADE GREAT PROGRESS SINCE THEN, LECLERC-SAN.
CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM YOU, FOSSIL SAN!! SINCE I COULDN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING ELSE, I'M FOCUSING ON PERFECTING MY SECRET TECHNIQUE FOR NOW
Secret? Not anymore...
ANYWAY, I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST IF I GAVE YOU A GLIMPSE OF IT...

DYNAMITE
PUNCH !!

HOWEVER, THIS IS MY LIMIT... DESPITE MY BEST EFFORT, MY ATTACKS WON'T GO ANY FARTHER... THE RANGE IS A DOZEN METERS AT BEST.
YET THE ANSWER IS SO SIMPLE, MY YOUNG FRIEND... YOU JUST HAVE TO BECOME MY DISCIPLE.
TRAINING WITH USHIRODATE-SAN ALLOWS YOU TO LEARN THE BASICS, BUT IN THE LONG RUN YOU WILL BE HELD BACK BECAUSE OF YOUR DIFFERENCE IN ABILITIES. DO NOT FORGET THAT YOU ARE AN "EXPANSIVE" FIRE TYPE SEISHIN USER.
ALTHOUGH IT TOOK A LOT OF WORK, I MANAGED TO IMPROVE BOTH SPEED AND POWER, BUT IT'S REACH? IMPOSSIBLE. THIS COULD BE A MAJOR HANDICAP IF I DON'T FIND A SOLUTION BY THE TIME THE TOURNAMENT STARTS.

THE MORE I STRUGGLE, THE STRONGER I WILL BECOME! JUST LIKE THOSE SUPER-SAIYANS...
HAH, I SEE... BUT... SUPER... WHAT?
WHAT?! YOU LIVE IN JAPAN YET DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT SERIES?!
HAHA! THANKS FOR THE OFFER GRAMPS, BUT I'M PERFECTLY FINE WITH YAKU!! AND EVEN IF IT GOES AGAINST COMMON SENSE, I DON'T CARE...
Why not try to develop your technique's Antei even more?!
Three Fire Antei users hearing something so obvious...
AS IT IS, EVEN IF YOUR SEISHIN IS SHOWING ITS LIMITS, IT'S STILL POSSIBLE TO UPGRADE IT THANKS TO ANTEI.
NOW THAT'S AN IDEA TO THINK ABOUT.
NEVER THOUGHT THAT ONE UP...
Uhh... Neither did I...

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME TEACHING HIM. IT'LL BE GOOD PRACTICE FOR HIM TO LEARN ON HIS OWN. BESIDES, THE ONLY ANTEI HE CAN PRODUCE IS THE BARE MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR THE ONE TECHNIQUE HE CAN USE.
Well, there is a spin-off... Though it still is a dynamite punch...
THEN TRAIN EVEN MORE! COME ON, 30 LAPS AROUND THE GROUNDS, MAKE IT FAST!
HUU... HEY, I DIDN'T SEE SHINMARU TODAY...
HE DID DISAPPEAR EARLY THIS MORNING... BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE.
CAN'T LIE!! (ACTUALLY... IT ISN'T...)
I'M TRYING AS HARD AS I CAN TO CATCH UP WITH THE REST OF THE TEAM!

IS THAT ALL YOU CAN DO? YOU'VE HAD BETTER DAYS
I... I HAVE YET TO CONCEDE DEFEAT!!!

GLAD TO HEAR IT, NOW PROVE TO ME YOU ARE WORTHY OF BEING HEIR TO THE KYOTEKISEI LEGACY! YOU WANT TO RIVAL LÉCLERC-SAN'S ENDURANCE AND VITALITY? YOU'LL NEED TO SUFFER MORE THAN THIS...
...
TODAY, EVEN IF THE VERY EXISTENCE OF YOUR POWER IS A THREAT TO ALL SEISHIN USERS, SHOULD YOU FACE AN ADVERSARY OF SIMILAR CALIBER TO YOUR PRECIOUS STUDENT, IT WOULD ALL BE IN VAIN...
... I KNOW THAT VERY WELL... AND THAT IS WHY I MUST CONTINUE...
FINALLY...
...LET'S TAKE A SHORT BREAK

SO, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! AS FAR AS I KNOW THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE'VE SPENT DRINKING TEA TOGETHER
Ugh... for tea again... I'm sure that break was just a pretence
I HAVE NO NEED TO REMIND YOU WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO TAKE PART IN THIS EVENT. YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THAT...
NOT INTERESTED IN THE TOURNAMENT...
... I was talking about the tea...
AYA... I GET THE FEELING I'M REPEATING MYSELF, BUT WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR SO LONG, AND WITH YOUR TALENT...

YOU WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE B.B. PROJECT TO DEFEND FOREIGNERS' INTEGRATION IN KYOTO?! VERY HONOURABLE.
. HOWEVER, I GET THE FEELING YOU TAKE THIS FAR TOO PERSONALLY... BEYOND MERE DUTY, OF COURSE. IT'S YOUR RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT... BUT PLEASE PROMISE ME YOU WILL NOT PUT YOUR LIFE AT RISK... HE WOULDN'T HAVE WANTED THIS TO HAPPEN.
DON'T WORRY. I PROMISE NOTHING WILL HAPPEN TO ME.

YEAH! WITH JUST TWO OF US, I'M SURE WE CAN WIN EVERY SINGLE MATCH UNTIL THE FINALS! EVEN HOMARE WILL NOT HOLD A CANDLE TO US!!!
HAA... YOU'RE OVERESTIMATING US A BIT...
AND DON'T FORGET WE ARE A TEAM FOREMOST!
ACK...
HEY...

...Isn't that...
!!
SHIN...
SHINMARU!!

... Definitely a pitbull ..
Wait until I get my hands on it, a little shot of ..
Uhh
Actually, it's so tiny .. Simply stepping on it might do the trick..
Hah..?!
WAS IT OLD FUKUDA'S DOG THAT DID THAT TO YOU??!
Why did I make up that piss-poor excuse?! So much for my improvisation skills..
AS UNLIKELY AS IT MAY SEEM, IT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED... I KIND OF ASKED FOR IT THOUGH..
Dear God.
THOSE SMALL BEASTS SURE HAVE A LOT OF BITE!
.. No credibility .. even if his life depended on it..
I SEE THAT YOU'RE BOTH ON YOUR WAY BACK.
... IF YOU STILL HAVE SOME FREE TIME, I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO BEFORE GOING BACK HOME.. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, WE CAN WALK TOGETHER FOR A BIT...

WELCOME, DEAR MASTERS...
I KNEW IT... IT'S THE SAME MAID CAFE... HE HAS TO BE A MEMBER HERE.
I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM WITH IT...
WHILE WE'RE HERE, WE MIGHT AS WELL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT! AFTER TRAINING SO HARD TODAY, I'M STARVING!!
UHH... FRANCK, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALRIGHT?!...
IN A LITTLE WHILE, I WILL BE!! A WARRIOR GOD LIKE MYSELF NEED A LOT OF ENERGY!!
Uhh.. did you say God?!

ACTUALLY, SEEING THE AMOUNT OF FOOD, I'M NOT CONCERNED ABOUT YOU BUT...
AND I SAY IT'S TIME TO EAT UNTIL OUR BELLIES BLOW UP!!!
OH, I SEE... YOU'RE WONDERING WHO WILL PAY FOR THE FEAST?! THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT...
Fufufu..
POOR GUYS... AGAIN...
FRANCK, MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
HAH?! SHOOT, I'M LISTENING...

HMM. YOU'RE PROBABLY REFERRING TO THE DOCUMENTS HE HANDED ME A WHILE BACK.
AT FIRST, YOU JOINED IN THE H[illegible] PROJECT TO GAIN INFORMATION ABOUT YOU FAMILY FROM SHINMARU. BUT WHAT ABOUT NOW? HAVE YOU LEARNED ANYTHING INTERESTING ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS?
NOPE . NOTHING SPECIAL AT ALL. JUST NAMES, MARITAL STATUS, WORK AT THE TIME.
.. NOT EVEN A SINGLE MENTION OF ANY SPECIAL ABILITY SUCH AS SEISHIN. SEVERAL LIVED AS MERCHANTS, NO DOUBT WHY SOME ENDED UP LEAVING JAPAN.

MY MAIN INTEREST IN THOSE DOCUMENTS WAS MOSTLY TO KNOW THE ARCHIPELAGO FAMILIES. IF I CAN TRACE BACK MY ANCESTORS TO THIS DAY AND AGE, MAYBE...
... ENOUGH ABOUT ME... WHAT ABOUT YOU, SHINTA? WHAT IS YOUR GOAL IN ALL THIS?
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO HELP SHINMARU? I HEARD YOU WEREN'T ESPECIALLY LIKED IN YOUR FAMILY. YOUR SEISHIN ASIDE... IS THAT SOMEWHAT LINKED TO IT?
HAH... SORRY. I SHOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT IT UP... YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER, YOU KNOW.
IT'S FINE... YOU WOULD HAVE LEARNED ABOUT IT SOONER OR LATER.

THAT IS INDEED TRUE. THIS POWER ASIDE, I HAVE HAD A HARD TIME BEING ACCEPTED WITHIN MY OWN FAMILY. TRUTH BE TOLD, IT'S MOSTLY MY FATHER WHO PRETENDS THAT I DO NOT EXIST.
The Minakami family's Seishin ability is close to that of the Kyotekisei family's...
In fact, it can only be passed down to a single member each generation and it is my family's pride.
At my birth, my father, Tetsuya Minakami, was overjoyed upon learning that his child was to carry our ancestral Seishin.
...Yet he became disillusioned over the years as my body remained that of a child.
According to him, I am a disgrace to the Minakami household and that it was a pity that I was so gifted but so frail... I was a complete loss... Until the day I met Shinmaru...!

It didn't click at first... But it marked the beginning of my first real friendship... He was someone I could finally trust!!
And then one day, he talked to me about B.B.Project, about his desire to fight this injustice... Naturally, I joined his cause. How could I possibly refuse helping him?!
My father, on the other hand, didn't object to it because ironically, despite my frail body, I was still the one and only Minakami, all generations taken altogether, able to master this power so well in both effectiveness and length... Since then, they're not letting take any break from training or other rituals...
TO BE HONEST, I NEVER WISHED TO HAVE THIS POWER... BUT....
... IF I COULD PROVE MY WORTH BY WINNING THE TOURNAMENT, MAYBE THEY WILL SEE ME DIFFERENTLY...
TOKE
WHY "IF"...?! THAT'S FOR THE WEAK!! I ALREADY TOLD YOU WE'LL WIN THIS B.B. PROJECT AND AT THE SAME TIME, PROVE TO YOUR FATHER THAT YOU ARE A GREAT WARRIOR. IT'S A PROMISE! WE FORM AN UNSTOPPABLE DUO!

...
...REA, REALLY?!
...I...
HOW TOUCHING... UNFORTUNATELY, I DOUBT YOU WILL EVEN ACCEDE TO THE FINALS...
...SINCE WE WILL BE THE ONES HONOURED TO DO SO...
OH, RIGHT, I FORGOT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF, BUT PAY ATTENTION BECAUSE I WON'T BE REPEATING MYSELF... THE ONE STANDING IN FRONT OF YOU IS THE NEW CAPTAIN OF THE EAST KGHS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM...
HUH?! AND WHO ARE YOU?!

MIYABI NONAME, UNPARALLELLED FIGHTER AND "LIGHTNING GODDESS", FRESHMAN AT KGHS HIGH SCHOOL AT YOUR SERVICE...
AND I WORK PART-TIME IN THE LATIN DISTRICT TOO...
OH, IF IT ISN'T THE GAIJIN WHO PENALIZED HIS TEAM IN THE OPENING MATCH? YOU THINK THAT THIS SANCTION WAS UNFAIR? THEN YOU CAN THANK US FOR IT...
...FOR WE TOOK CARE THE BB PROJECT QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE... A TRUE SLAUGHTER YET SO DELIGHTFUL!!
WHAT...?! ARE YOU SAYING YOU CONFRONTED THEM?...
Franck...

There indeed was a man who condemned me on the opening ceremony...
GWEH...
BASH
GOOD JOB
HUHHHA!! THANKS FOR DOING THE DIRTY WORK AND SPARING ME THE TROUBLE!! FOR YOUR EFFORT, I SHALL JUDGE YOU WORTHY OF ASSISTING ME IN MY CRUSADE!!
You may consider yourself a goddess. I still am "The God"!!

WHAT IS IT NOW?! IS IT FOR AN AUTOGRAPH THIS TIME??
AT A 20 000 YENS PER HEAD RATE, THIS SERVICE WILL COST YOU 60 000 YENS FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE TEAM WHICH CAUSED YOU UNDUE HARM... WE DO NOT ACCEPT DEBIT CARDS
HUH?! BUT I NEVER ASKED FOR YOUR HELP.... HEY!!
WE DO NOT ACCEPT CHECKS EITHER, SO PLEASE SETTLE YOUR TAB WITH COLD HARD CASH
No way I'll pay for that scam!!!
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT, SHINMARU... THE END OF THE DAY IS ALWAYS SO BUSY...

NO THANKS, I'LL BE FINE... I THINK I HAD ENOUGH FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK...
HEH, UNDERSTOOD...
FOR WHAT OCCASION DO WE HAVE THE PLEASURE TO SEE YOU TODAY? OH AND YOU WILL DRINK A GLASS OF MY FAMOUS TEA, WON'T YOU?
FIRST OF ALL, I CAME HERE TO CONGRATULATE YOU FOR CLEARING THE QUALIFIERS, YOUR TEAM AND YOU CERTAINLY DESERVED IT...
THANK YOU, THAT IS VERY SWEET OF YOU TO SAY. SHAME I CANNOT TAKE PART IN THE UPCOMING FIGHTS. MY SEISHIN WOULDN'T BE MUCH USE IN INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS...
I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY WORRIES TO BE HAD THERE, I'M SURE NONAME-SAN CAN HANDLE IT QUITE WELL.

I CAME TO VISIT YOU BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOUR MANAGER, FUJIWARA SAN.
WHAT IS IT ABOUT, IF YOU DON'T MIND ME ASKING?
OH, I SEE
I think that you have also heard from this team whose members are famous "Crusaders".. One of these, a member nicknamed "Fuuyin" possesses abilities eerily similar to Fujiwara's. And that is why I would have preferred to discuss the matter in person. Their resemblance puzzles me.
... I'M SORRY TO INFORM YOU, BUT SHE LEFT A FEW DAYS AGO TO SETTLE AN IMPORTANT MATTER. I'M MANAGING THE LOUNGE IN HER STEAD, AND SINCE SHE DOESN'T HAVE A CELLPHONE, I AM UNABLE TO CONTACT HER.

HOW DARE YOU, VILLAIN?!
OH WELL... I SUPPOSE I WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR HER RETURN TO FIND SOME ANSWERS...
WHAT THE..
It would be wise to close shop as soon as possible...
I have nothing to do with it...
HUMILIATING ME SO IN PUBLIC! NEVER WILL I LET SUCH AFFRONT GO UNPUNISHED.
YOU DON'T RACKET A LECLERC!!
Cough it up!!
電気嵐
* = DENKI ARASHI (LIGHTNING STORM)

HEH

FINALLY DONE!!! 28 HOURS OF GRUESOME WORK TO FINALLY ARRIVE TO THIS RESULT (JUST FOR CLOTHING)... MY COLLECTION IS NOW ALMOST COMPLETE!!!
HON?! ALI?! ANYBODY?!
I'M BACK!!
HMM.
HEHEHE DON'T WORRY MY DEARS; YOUR SERVANT WOULD GIVE UP HIS OWN LIFE TO PROTECT YOU
Fetishism, Fetishism.

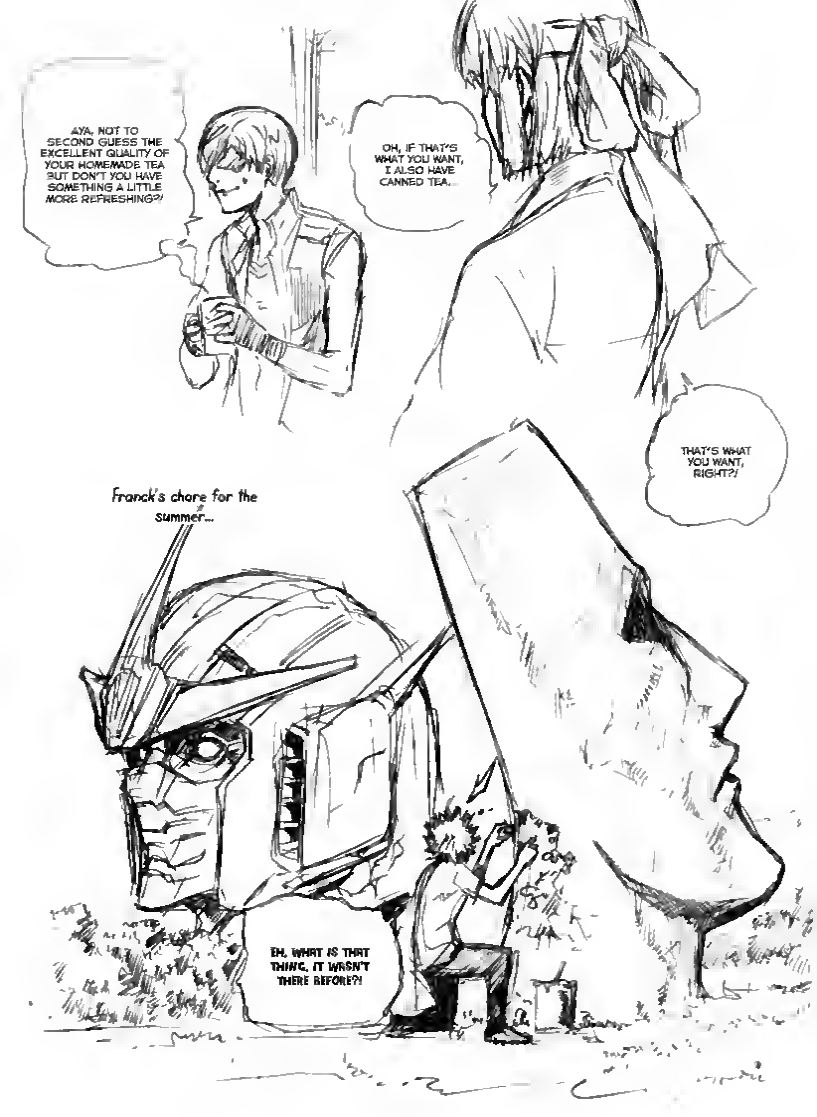
FINE, FINE. NO NEED TO YELL!! AND WHAT IS THAT SMELL? DID YOU REMEMBER TO GET THE GROCERIES? GOOD, I HAVEN'T PREPARED ANYTHING YET
OH, YOU'RE HERE HON?! NICE TIMING, I HAVE TWO LETTERS FOR YOU!!
REALLY? THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THEM TO...
AHHHH!! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?! SO THAT'S WHERE THE SMOKED MEAT SMELL CAME FROM?!
HEY, NO TOUCHING!! BESIDES, I AM NOT "MEAT"

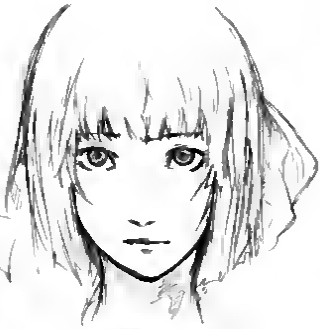
HU HU HU...
HU?
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ?!
MONEY
This one word governs all life on this planet... Money, cash, bucks, dough, greens. So many terms to describe this single entity whose omnipotence and omnipresence have no equal but to God himself!! (Even then, it's concrete) And if you devote yourself to it, it can open doors to a world you have never known before. Having money is having power (to buy)!!! Welcome to the world!!
In short, that means I finally got paid for the work I did on the various high schools' emblems I crafted for BB Project entrants
COOL, YOU'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO PAY THOSE LATE BILLS WITH THAT!
... and settle the Maid Cafe's bill while you're at it...
PFF... ANOTHER POOR VICTIM OF THIS CONSUMER SOCIETY.
EH?

Just think about it!! Gaining favours from the "Money" God is achieving significant power yet we remain but simple mortals... Life is short and you need to take advantage of this privilege given to us to fully blossom! To hell with the "Taxes", "Bills", "Rents" demons...
Now I'm considering a parachute jump straight in the heart of Tokyo... that would be amazing!!
AND YET THEY TELL ME I HAVE NEVER UNDERSTOOD LIFE...WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING HERE?!
CLEARLY, THIS DAY WILL FINISH IN STYLE...
LET'S SEE WHAT THE OTHER ENVELOPE CONTAINS...

HAH!! A WORTHLESS AD HOP! IN THE GRINDER YOU GO.
VRRR
EXCUSE MY RUDIMENTARY JAPANESE, BUT I BELIEVE "RENT" WAS WRITTEN ON IT.
BY THE WAY, YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW WHERE ALI IS?! EVERYTHING IS SO PEACEFUL WHEN HE ISN'T HERE.
HE WARNED ME THAT HE PROBABLY WOULD BE ON LIVE TV TONIGHT.
ACCORDING TO HIM, IT WILL BE SOMETHING BIG.
GOING ON TV?! HEH... DIDN'T SEE THAT ONE COMING!

Moments later...
FINALLY, IT'S TIME!! I'M QUITE CURIOUS TO SEE IN WHAT KIND OF PROGRAM HE WILL APPEAR IN...
SYNO
GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FOR TONIGHT'S SPECIAL FEATURE...
HMM?! ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T GET THE WRONG NETWORK OR THE WRONG SCHEDULE, HON?! I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE...
NO, NO... IT REALLY IS THAT NETWORK. BUT ANOTHER 3 MINUTES AND I'LL FLICK TO ANOTHER CHANNEL IF WE DON'T WANT TO DIE OF BOREDOM.
... GOOD AND NOW LET'S HAND OVER TO OUR VERY SPECIAL GUEST, COMING STRAIGHT FROM FRANCE.
THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR THIS WARM RECEPTION YET YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT THIS RECESSION CLIMATE IN JAPAN IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE...
... IT'S THE FAULT OF A LAX GOVERNMENT AND THAT IS WHY, TO SEEK ANSWERS, I, ALI VILDIZ, SHALL RUN FOR "CHANGE JAPAN"!!
Is that some nasty joke?! Where is the candid camera...?!


AYA, NOT TO SECOND GUESS THE EXCELLENT QUALITY OF YOUR HOMEMADE TEA BUT DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE REFRESHING?!
OH, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, I ALSO HAVE CANNED TEA...
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, RIGHT?!
Franck's chore for the summer...
EH, WHAT IS THAT THING, IT WASN'T THERE BEFORE?!



Originally, Aya's only purpose in this story was to test Franck... Hence her modest design, but she has evolved since then and so has her involvement.

Well... I have to admit her headband may seem "surreal" Manga magic dare I say

AYA KISARAGI
17 YEARS OLD
(MAY 1ST)
1.62 M

No need to reintroduce her since she has already been introduced in volume 1. This is just a way to give her a proper character profile page. Oh and also, she is quite obsesssd with tea...

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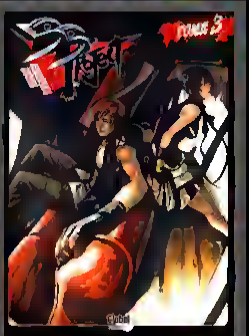

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CHAPTER 19

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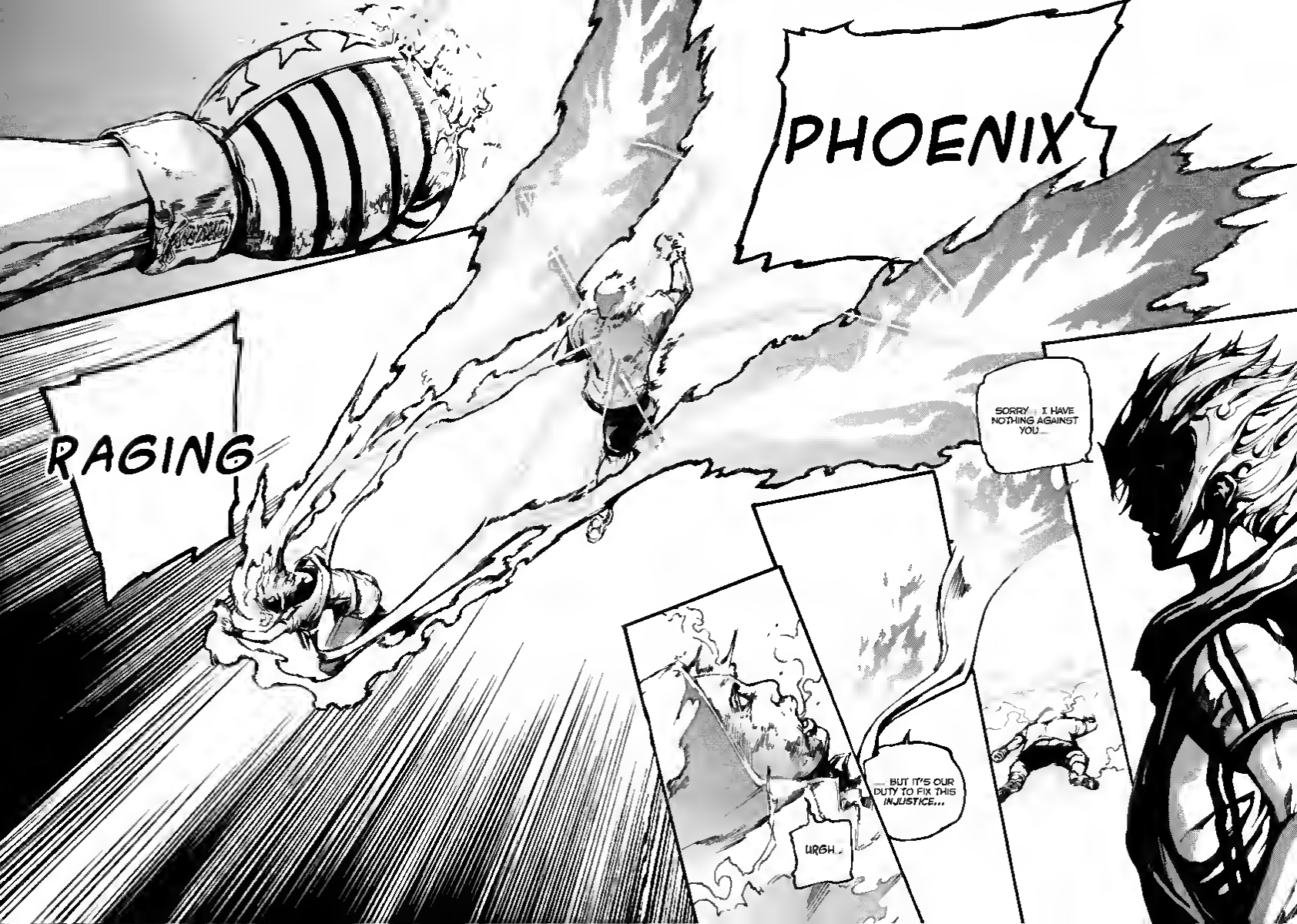
POLICE
ATTACK HIM!!
...NO, ON YOUR RIGHT!!
GAHH... WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING?!

COME ON. WHAT GOOD ARE THOSE MUSCLES FOR IF YOU CAN'T EVEN USE THEM?!
...YOUR OPPONENT'S SO SMALL!! YOU CAN'T SERIOUSLY BE TELLING ME YOU CAN'T EVEN LAY A HAND ON HIM?!
(WELL, MAYBE IF HE'S REALLY CLEVER...)
HEY... WATCH OUT!! THE OTHER GUY IS PREPARING TO LAUNCH A SPECIAL ATTACK...
...I HATE HIM...
HEH... I KNOW THAT WE'RE BEFORE OPERATING HOURS, BUT FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, LYSE, SPARE THE NEIGHBOURHOOD FROM IT...

SORRY, DETECTIVE NAKAJIMA, BUT THOSE VIDEOS OF TEENAGERS FIGHTING EACH OTHER ARE ALL THE RAVE RIGHT NOW ON *JETUBE*...
IT'S THE LATEST LATEST TREND AND IT LOOKS SO DAMN REALISTIC!!
HMM...
GNNUUUU...


PHOENIX
RAGING
SORRY... I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST YOU...
... BUT IT'S OUR DUTY TO FIX THIS INJUSTICE...
URGH...

SHIT... I KNEW IT WAS GONNA END LIKE THAT
IT'S JUST LIKE IN A MANGA. AS SOON AS A PRETTY FACE SHOWS UP, HE JUST CAN'T LOSE!
IN MY DAYS, MOVIES DIDN'T NEED SO MANY SPECIAL EFFECTS TO BE POPULAR... WE'RE NOW LIVING IN THE AGE OF EXTRAVAGANCE..
...UNLESS, OF COURSE, THAT EVERYTHING IN THAT VIDEO REALLY TOOK PLACE...
WH... WHAT, INSPECTOR?! YOU BELIEVE IN THAT STUFF, NOW?!
HA... I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE IN ANYMORE. I'M STARTING TO THINK I'M GETTING TOO OLD FOR THIS
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I START INVESTIGATING A SIMPLE MURDER CASE AND BEFORE I EVEN HAVE THE TIME SOLVE ANYTHING, THE CASE IS CLOSED AND DISMISSED... A MERE ACCIDENT, THEY SAID. WHAT A JOKE!!
THE WORST PART IS THAT TEENAGERS DON'T EVEN RESPECT ME ANYMORE... WE COULDN'T EVEN LEARN ANYTHING FROM THESE THREE DELINQUENTS AND YET, I'M CONVINCED THEY KNOW SOMETHING... EVEN THOUGH IT'S THEIR FRIEND WHO'S DEAD! SHEESH... WHAT KIND OF A WORLD ARE WE LIVING IN?
..YOU KNOW WHAT, INSPECTOR?! LET ME HELP YOU!!

BAH, YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT OFFICIALLY, WE'RE NO LONGER ASSIGNED TO THAT CASE... BUT THERE'S NOTHING PREVENTING US FROM PURSUING IT IN SECRET. BESIDES, IF I MAY, I COULD GO TALK TO THESE TEENAGERS WHO STONEWALLED YOU.
WHAT...?! YOU WANT TO HELP ME?!
LET'S JUST SAY THAT IT'S A WAY TO REDEEM MYSELF FOR LEAVING YOU TO QUESTION THEM ON YOUR OWN THAT DAY... SO, ARE YOU IN?
COUGH....
IT'S A DEAL... BUT WE'LL NEED TO ACT DISCREETLY... WITHOUT SAYING A SINGLE WORD TO ANYONE... I WANT TO KEEP MY JOB, YOU KNOW?!

AND HOW DO YOU INTEND TO DEAL WITH THE THREE TEENS?! DO YOU AT LEAST HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE TO FIND THEM?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT... I'LL MANAGE...
...I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S JUST MY MIND PLAYING TRICKS ON ME, BUT FOR SOME TIME NOW, I GET THE FEELING THAT I'M BEING WATCHED
...IF YOU SAY SO... STRANGE...
MAYBE I'M JUST TURNING PARANOIAC... THAT WOULD TAKE THE CAKE!
...
WHAT'S WRONG, LYSE?! DID YOU SEE ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY?
I'M NOT REALLY SURE... IT MIGHT BE JUST A RAVEN.

ANYWAY, I HAVE THINGS TO DO, DUTY CALLS ME!!
POC
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING??!
I'M JUST STRETCHING MY LEGS. JUST KIDDING. PLEASE DON'T WAIT FOR ME...
I'M GOING TO ARREST YOUR THREE SUSPECTS... IT'S TIME TO LET MY GUNS DO THE TALKING!!
100 YEN SHOP
HER GUNS... I HOPE YOU DON'T SERIOUSLY INTEND TO USE THEM, HUH?!
...

DON'T LAG BEHIND! AND PLEASE STAY IN SINGLE FILE! THAT CAN'T POSSIBLY BE YOUR FIRST TIME AT A HOSPITAL, EH?!
TAP
DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THEM, DOC... THEY'RE WITH ME!
AND I'M KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU SO YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY EITHER...
DON'T WORRY; WE'LL GET THERE SOON ENOUGH WHERE? HAHA... IT'S A SURPRISE...

AND HERE IS OUR FINAL DESTINATION, A PLACE WHICH WE ENTER... FEET FIRST, NATURALLY...
...I PRESENT YOU THE MORGUE!!!
WAM

...AMAZING WHAT KINDS OF TOOLS YOU CAN FIND IN HERE... SURELY, THE CORONERS CAN'T BE BORED TO DEATH HERE... EH, WERE YOU SAYING SOMETHING?
NO, NOTHING AT ALL...
THE MORGUE... DON'T TELL ME YOU WILL...

REST ASSURED, IF I BROUGHT YOU HERE, IT'S MERELY A FORMALITY... NEXT TO NOTHING... JUST A CONFIRMATION THAT THE BODY IN OUR POSSESSION IS THAT OF WAKIYAKU.
Be careful where you throw that thing!
Besides, I don't like sharp objects...
HIS FAMILY WILL OBVIOUSLY NOT BOTHER MAKING THE TRIP, AND HIS BODY HAS BEEN STAYING HERE FOR A WHILE.
HMMMM... I THINK IT'S IN THERE.
TO BE BLUNT, A POSITIVE MATCH WOULD SUIT US JUST FINE. IT WOULD FREE UP SOME SPACE FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE CURRENT HEAT WAVE.
RRIII

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AS I SAID IT'S A MERE FORMALITY JUST INFORM ME IF THAT IS WAKIYAKU'S BODY OR NOT AND I'LL LET YOU GO.
SO THE VICTIM IS NOW IDENTIFIED. VERY WELL, IN THAT CASE...
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...
IT'S DEFINITELY HIM...

I SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS, BUT I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS ANYWAY, SINCE THE CASE HAS BEEN DISMISSED. THESE PIECES OF EVIDENCE AREN'T OF ANY USE ANY LONGER
BUT BEFORE I DO, I HAVE A SMALL QUESTION...
THIS PHOTO WAS FOUND IN WAKIYAKU'S WALLET. IT PROBABLY ISN'T REALLY WORTH LOOK INTO ANYMORE, BUT WOULD YOU HAPPEN TO RECOGNIZE THIS YOUNG MAN? A FRIEND OF YOURS, PERHAPS...?

...IT REALLY WAS IN HIS WALLET?!
THAT MAKES NO SENSE! THAT PHOTO SHOULDN'T BE THERE AT ALL. WAIT UNLESS...
IF THAT IS TRUE, WE'VE HAD THE WRONG IDEA SINCE THE START...
THERE CLEARLY IS SOMETHING WORRYING ABOUT THAT PICTURE, BUT IT DOESN'T TELL ME WHO IT IS... YOU'LL NEED TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING WITH DETAILS

HELLO, HELLO... DO YOU HEAR ME, INSPECTOR?! I'M TRYING OUT MY HANDS FREE KIT, AND IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WELL. I SHOULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT SUCH A CHEAP BRAND!
WHAT?! YOU BOTHER ME AT WORK JUST FOR SOME CRAP ABOUT YOUR HANDS FREE KIT?!
HAHA... OF COURSE NOT, I WAS CALLING YOU BECAUSE I HAVE NEWS ABOUT YOUR CASE...
HAH, REALLY?! AND HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO SQUEEZE IT OUT OF THEM?
I TRACKED DOWN YOUR RASCALS AND EVEN MANAGED TO MAKE THEM TALK.

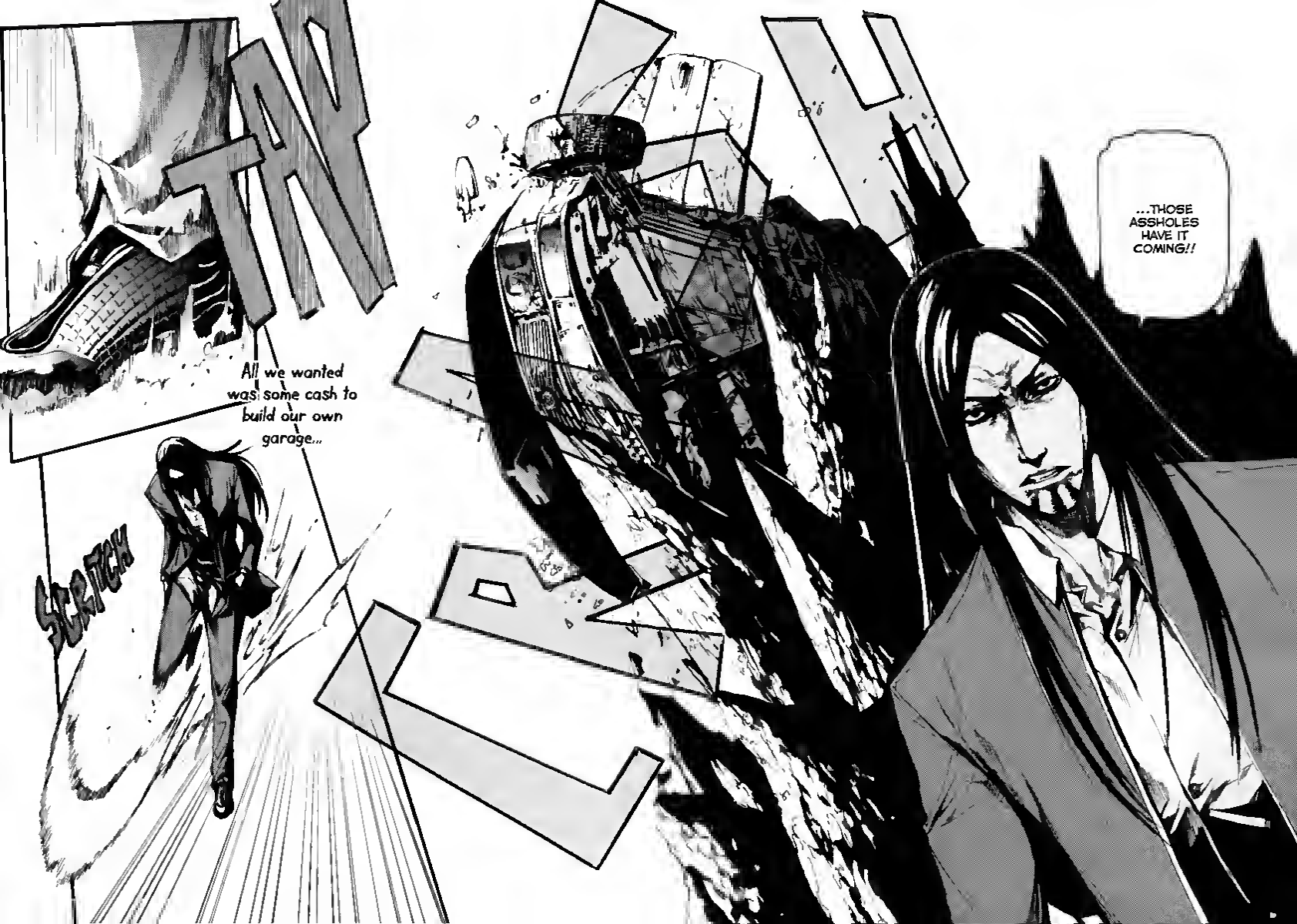
HEH, THAT'S MY LITTLE SECRET. WELL, I WON'T GO OVER THE DETAILS...
. OVER THE PHONE, BUT IF YOU CAN COLLECT SOME INFORMATION ON A CERTAIN MATSUDA MITSUHIDE, THEN THAT WOULD BE GOOD. THAT'S THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON IN THE PHOTO YOU KNOW, THE ONE FOUND IN THE VICTIM'S WALLET.
THERE IS A LINK CONNECTING THEM BOTH... ANYWAY, I NEED TO GO, SEE YOU LATER!!
WAIT WHAT...
...SHE HUNG UP.

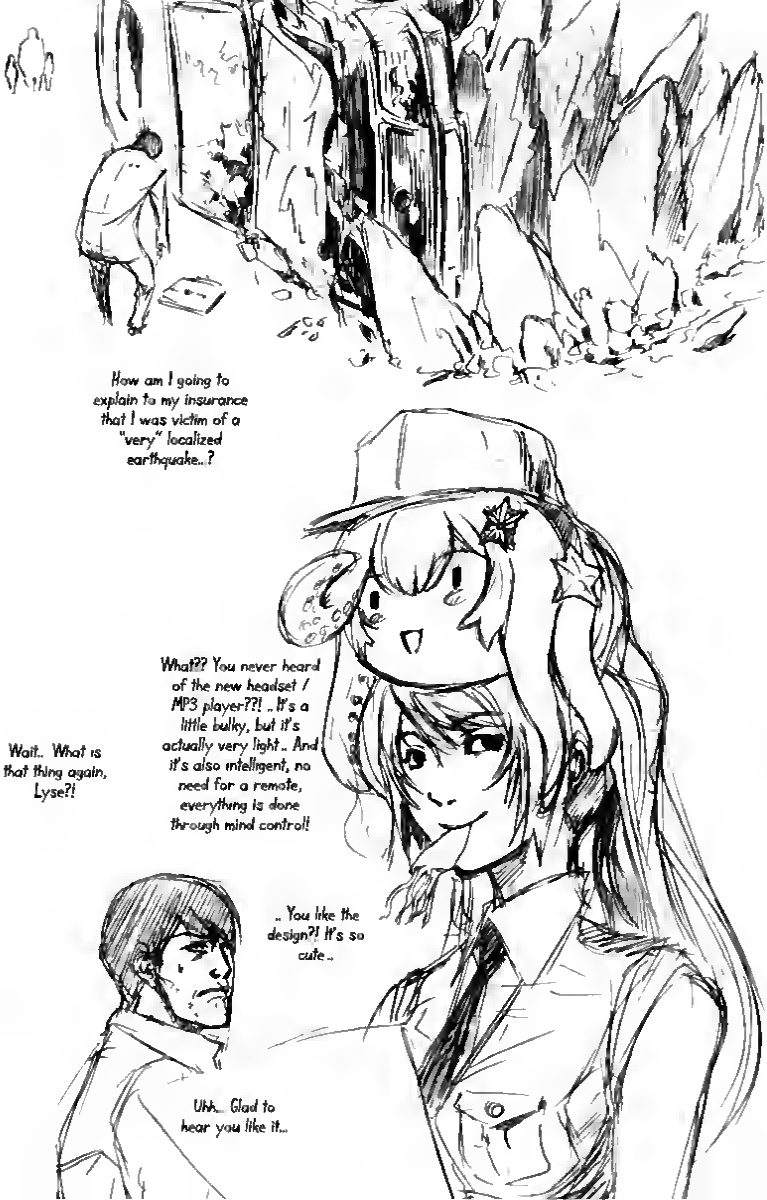
DING
HMM...
AMAZING LYSE!! I'LL NEED TO THINK ABOUT ASKING HER FOR SOME LESSONS...
...TIME TO INVESTIGATE.
NAKAJIMA SATOSHI, 45 YEARS OLD. DETECTIVE AT THE KYOTO PREFECTURAL POLICE STATION...

YOU HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED AS MY NEXT VICTIM...
PFF... THIS STORY IS STARTING TO GET PRETTY COMPLICATED.
AND TO THINK WE PURPOSELY LOST TO GET ELIMINATED...
...JUST TO MAKE SURE WE COULD INVESTIGATE WITHOUT ANYONE GETTING IN THE WAY... ONLY TO END UP COLLABORATING WITH THE COPS
I DON'T THINK IT'S SUCH A BAD THING

HEY, I HOPE YOU'LL LEAVE ME SOME, HUH?! THAT STUFF IS EXPENSIVE!!
DON'T BE SO STINGY... CAN'T YOU SEE I'M STRESSED RIGHT NOW??!
AAH... THAT FELT GOOD!!
WE WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN VERY FAR WITH THE JUST THE THREE OF US I HATE TO ADMIT IT BUT WE REALLY NEED THEM FOR THE TIME BEING
THAT'S ALL GOOD AND WELL BUT IT DOESN'T ACTUALLY REVEAL TO US WHERE THE OTHER BODY DISAPPEARED TO, AND IF HE'S ACTUALLY DEAD
PUSH... PERSONALLY I REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEY COULD HAVE DONE TO GET SO DEEP INTO THAT SHIT

SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT B.B. PROJECT...
...YEAH...
PSHH!
There is no doubt about it. This case is definitely linked to the B.B. Project... All that crap started happening ever since we signed up for that tournament. But why Tsuku and Mitsuhide?


TAP
All we wanted was some cash to build our own garage...
SCRATCH
...THOSE ASSHOLES HAVE IT COMING!!


How am I going to explain to my insurance that I was victim of a "very" localized earthquake..?
What?? You never heard of the new headset / MP3 player??! .. It's a little bulky, but it's actually very light .. And it's also intelligent, no need for a remote, everything is done through mind control!
Wait.. What is that thing again, Lyse?!
.. You like the design?! It's so cute ..
Uhh... Glad to hear you like it...

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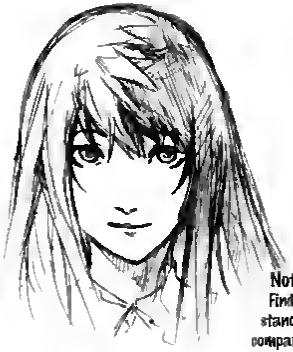
Yes, she can actually wear dresses other than her usual one...



Note by Shounen :
Finding her a design that stands out, especially in comparison to other young girls in B B. Project certainly wasn't an easy task... And then one day, while starting at my double-flavoured chocolate spread (yes, finally a vanilla/chocolate flavour), I finally had a revelation!! At any rate, several readers appreciate the color contrast her dyed hair has. For those wondering what brand I buy, I would have to say it's a "no name" one.

Yuki Homare
16 years old (April 18)
1.57M

Chuujitsu Homare's little sister, a first-rate student in her high school... which isn't Sarayashiki... She doesn't share the same opinions than her older brother over the B B. Project and is clearly guarded very lightly. Inherently someone who is soft-spoken and with little confidence, her meeting with Franck will give her some hope... But is it the future awaiting her or...

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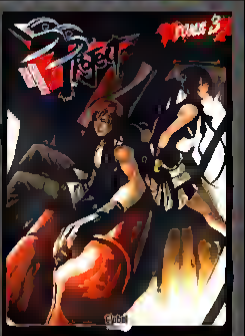

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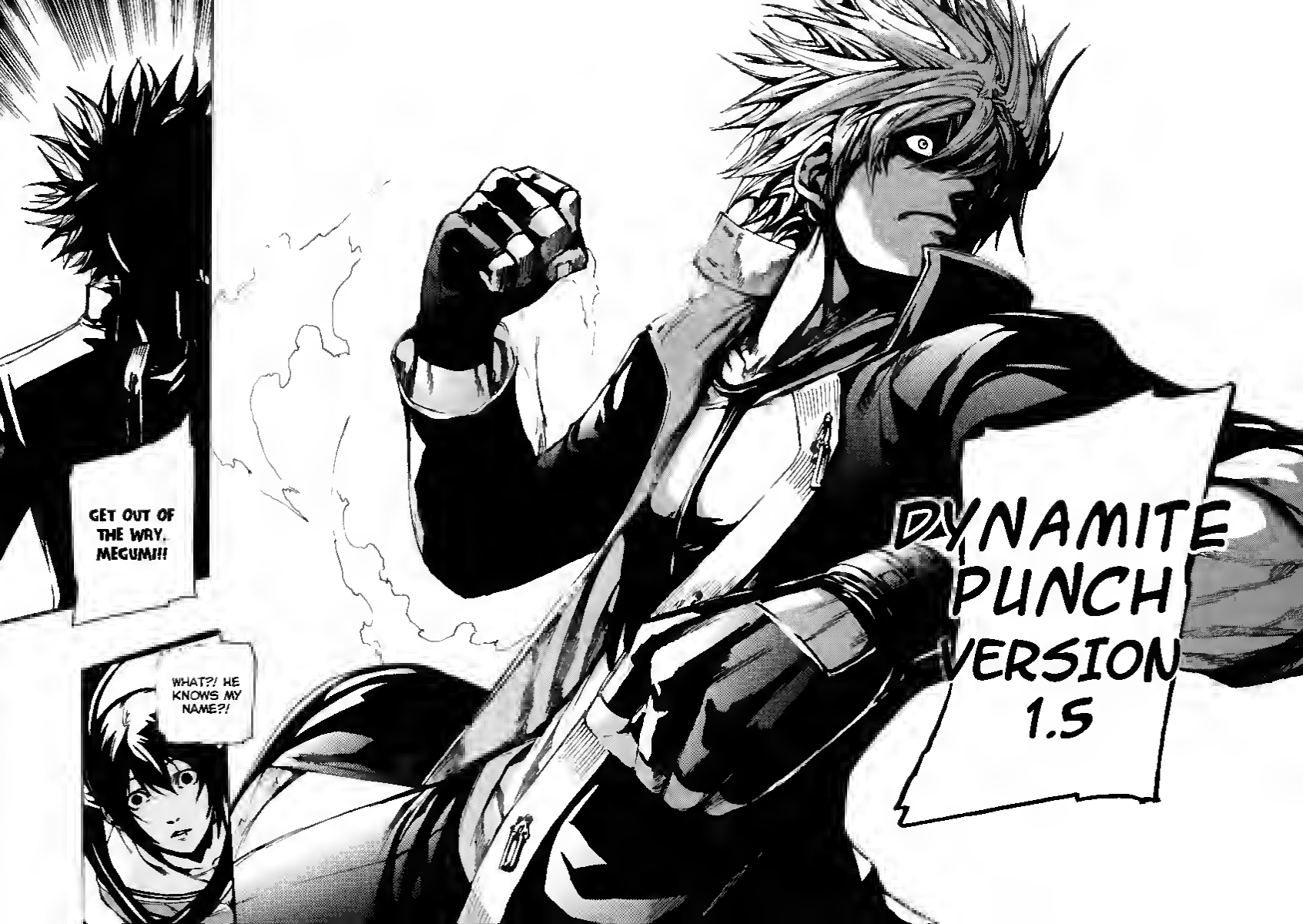
CHAPITRE 20

FOR RENT
B-PROJECT
Franck at the doujicon this summer...
Miyabi Naname
Legendary Girl B...
So, so?? You like it, huh?!

SHE'S THERE!! WE CAN'T LET HER ESCAPE OR ELSE...
TINK
HMM?!


GET OUT OF THE WAY, MEGUMI!!!
WHAT?! HE KNOWS MY NAME?!
DYNAMITE PUNCH VERSION 1.5

BLAM
AND THAT IS HOW A LECLERC FIXES A PROBLEM WITH HIS FISTS! I'M SURE I MUST HAVE IMPRESSED HER THIS TIME!!

HERO...
WHHHHHAAATTT??! WHAT AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS!? I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD HAVE SURPRISED HER, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND!
What will you do?
A- Try to kiss her.
B- Tell her you already have someone.
C- Violently push her back!
D- Do nothing..
...I CHOOSE... ANSWER "A"...
FINALLY.. THE FULFILMENT OF A SWEET DREAM..
...UNLESS IT'S A TRAP?! NO, NO, DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT...

I CHOOSE ANSWER "C"...
ARRRGGHH... WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU??!!
THERE ARE MUCH NICER WAYS TO WAKE ME UP!!
YEAH... MAYBE LIKE A KISS, PRINCESS?
I WAS CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO LET YOU DO THAT TO ME IT'S DISGUSTING!!
SHIT... LOOK WHAT TIME IT IS... IT'S STILL TOO EARLY FOR OUR FIRST MATCH IN THE FINALS...
AND HERE I WAS THINKING OF LYING IN!
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT IF I WERE YOU .. TAKE A PEEK IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME.

ON SECOND THOUGHT, IT'S ACTUALLY A GOOD IDEA TO LEAVE EARLIER THAN USUAL.
I CAN ALWAYS JUST TRAIN WITH SHINTA.
ALSO WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING ON TV NOW?! IT DOESN'T LOOK TOO INTERESTING.
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS
LET'S GO! HELLO EVERYONE AND BYE EVERYONE!!
MMUU..?! WHAT WAS THAT RUCKUS..?! IT'S NOT EVEN 7 AM. AND HE DOESN'T HAVE SCHOOL TODAY, I THINK...
200 KM/H

I'M JUST GOING TO TRAIN WITH SHINTA... AND HON SAYS THAT THE MORNING BELONGS TO THOSE WHO RISE EARLY...
HEH...
...WELL THEN, GOOD DAY... BUT I COULD SWEAR I HEARD A LOUD NOISE...
It clearly isn't the case for him today...
I HOPE THEY WON'T NOTICE IT WHILE I'M GONE... TRULY SORRY GUYS! I PROMISE I WILL REPAIR EVERYTHING UPON MY RETURN!!

SO THAT'S WHERE WE'LL HOLD OUR FIRST MATCH?! I WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING SHABBIER LOOKING...
YOU CAN'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER, FRANCK... THE MATCH WILL MOST CERTAINLY TAKE PLACE IN THE BASEMENT... SAFE FROM ONLOOKERS

QUITE LIKELY IT'S NOT BECAUSE WE'RE STARTING MORE IMPORTANT MATCHES THAT THEY'LL REVEAL THE EXISTENCE OF THE B B PROJECT TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD...
THAT WAS LOW!! AND BESIDES, MY CONDITION AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MEANS I MUST FOCUS ON MY STUDIES... ALTHOUGH IT'S TRUE I DIDN'T REALLY SHINE DURING THE LAST EXAMS...
FINALLY, THE FATEFUL DAY..
...UNLESS OUR HEROIC GOD IS IN NEED... OF GLORY AND LOVE?!
FROM NOW ON, THE MATCHES WILL BE SOME SORT OF ONE ON ONE RELAY UNTIL ONE TEAM IS COMPLETELY ELIMINATED. SPEAKING OF WHICH, OUR OPPONENT IS THE KAMPEKI INSTITUTE. I LOOK FORWARD TO IT!!
Yeah, since you're not the one who'll be the cannon fodder huh?!

EXCELLENT INITIATIVE, LESSA! THAT WAY, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FILM ME IN ALL MY GLORY...
...FOR ONE MORE "EPIC FAIL" VIDEO ON "JETUBE"...
URGH!!
NO NEED TO WORRY, LECLERC, I HEARD YOUR PLEA! THANKS TO THAT LITTLE CAMERA, I'LL BE ABLE TO RECORD YOUR MATCH.
MEGUMI'S MATCH IS THE ONE I REALLY WANT TO RECORD THOUGH.
I CAN'T LET YOU SAY THAT ABOUT THE HEROIC G--
Come back in 100 years and we'll talk!!
KUHU THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF COMPROMISING PICTURES OF OUR GOD...
There ya go, a little snapshot...
RESPECT MY LIVING SPACE!!
BANG
click

?!
Kuf
Kuf
Kuf
Kuf
Kuf
Kuf
IS SOMETHING WRONG, SHINTA?! DO YOU WANT ANY PILLS?! ...SAY SOMETHING...
SHINTA ...?!

IT'S NOTHING AT ALL, REALLY!! I MUST HAVE SWALLOWED A MOSQUITO OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT... A FLY MAYBE??! EITHER WAY, IT'S GONE...
It's gone... You mean that you digested it?! It's true that they are a source of proteins... Anyway, I'm not sure it applies to flies and mosquitoes actually...
Ewwww... It's still disgusting...
...
HEHE... GLAD TO KNOW YOU'RE STILL AMONG US... I WAS SCARED FOR A MOMENT
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?!
AVOID THAT KIND OF THINGS... A DUO ON YOUR OWN IS NO FUN...
HEH... I'M SORRY..
DON'T FORGET THAT WE STILL HAVE GREAT THINGS TO ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER!!

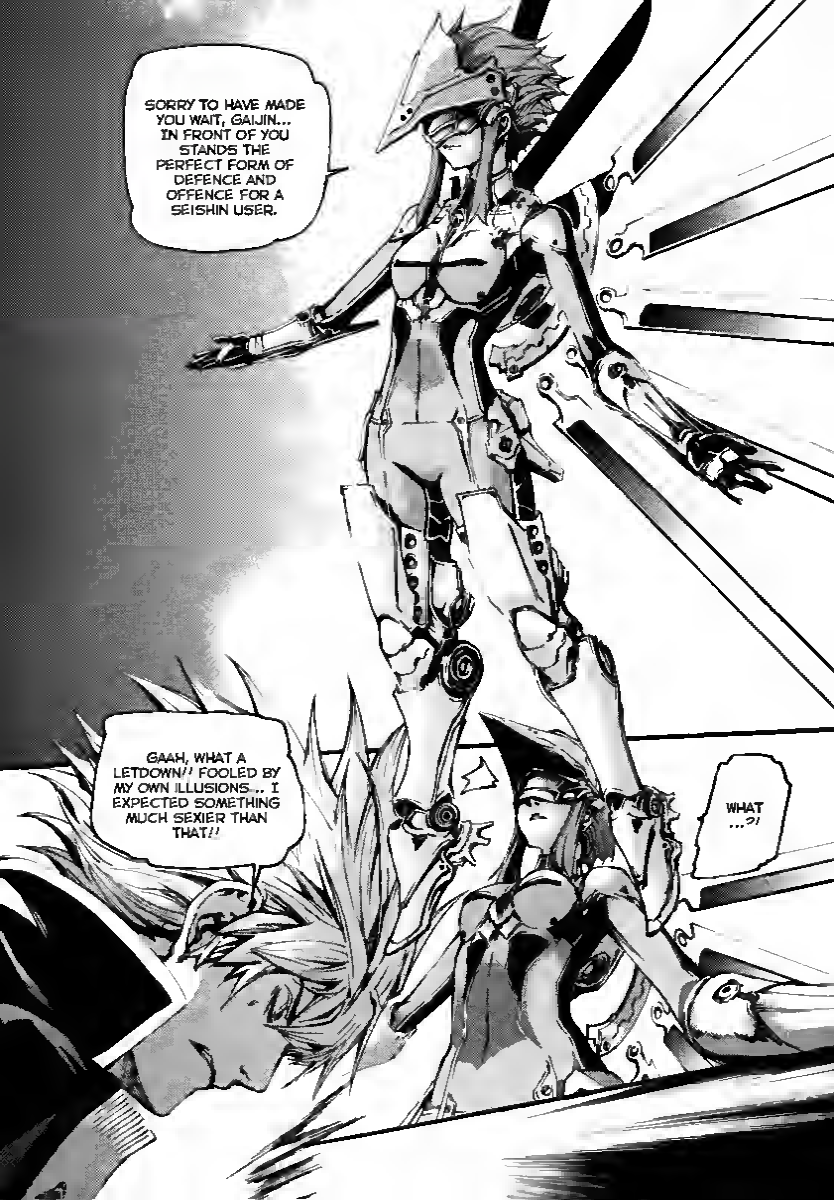
THIS ISN'T NICE, KEEPING THINGS FROM YOUR COMRADES.. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COULD DIRECTLY PUT THEIR LIFE IN DANGER...
AND YET, HE SEEMS AWARE OF IT...
THE SHOHOKU TEAM?! VERY INTERESTING... ESPECIALLY WHEN THEIR MEMBERS DISPLAY VERY SPECIAL SIGNS... I FEEL IT.. I WILL HAVE TO DEVOTE MORE TIME TO KEEPING AN EYE ON THEM. IT PROMISES TO BE FUN VERY SOON...

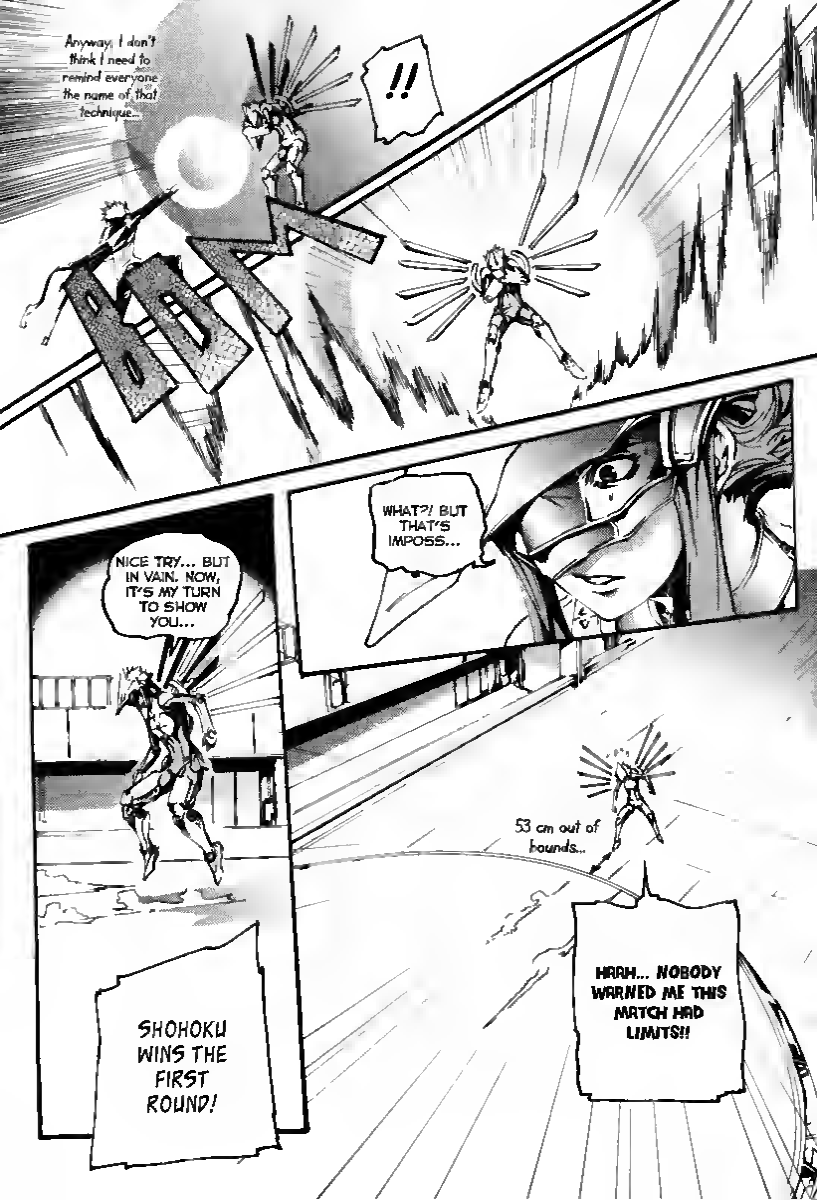
YOU ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE ME, JEAN-PIERRE? WHAT A SHAME...
OOPS...
UHH... YOU KNOW, I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF OBSERVING THEM ON THE ROOFS... AND ALL THAT SUN ISN'T GOOD FOR MY SKIN TONE...
DON'T TELL ME YOU WOULD ABANDON A YOUNG GIRL TO HERSELF... ALONE ON A ROOF...?!
AS FOR YOUR SKIN TONE, I COULD SHARE MY UMBRELLA WITH YOU... BUT YOU'LL BE HOLDING IT, UNDERSTAND?!
OH... ASKED... SO NICELY... (CURSES... YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, BIEGER!!)
PLEASE, PLEASE... MY DEAR...
I only have one thing to tell you in your language.
CURSE YOU !!!
(It's in his head)

THE CONTESTANTS FOR THIS MATCH ARE EXPECTED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ARENA...
THIS FIGHT WILL PIT SHOHOKU HIGH SCHOOL AGAINST KAMPEKI INSTITUTE. WE SHALL PROCEED TO THE TRADITIONAL GREETING PRECEDING EVERY MATCH.
VS
完璧

Hmph! I don't feel like shaking hands, so I'll just give a small nod and wish that person good luck!!
EH?
HEY, GAIJIN... I HEARD ABOUT YOU...
...
BUT BEFORE THE HOSTILITIES BEGIN, PLEASE GREET YOUR OPPONENTS
...BUT TO ME, YOU'RE JUST AN ABERRATION OF NATURE!! THE KYOTEKISEI SHOULD NEVER HAVE TAKEN YOU UNDER THEIR WINGS CONSIDERING THEIR PAST, BUT I WILL SEE TO RECTIFYING THIS...
SO IT SEEMS YOU CAN USE SEISHIN?! I'M SURE THAT RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT; YOU MUST BE THINKING YOU'RE HOT STUFF...
...WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING ...?
HMM... SHAME, I'M TOO FAR AWAY, I'D LOVE TO HEAR WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT OVER THERE...
ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RECORD EVERYTHING WITH THAT?!
"NO PROBLEM", I CHECKED THE BATTERY AND THE MEMORY THIS MORNING!!
Well, if the match lasts over two hours, there isn't anything I can do about it

THE FIGHT CAN NOW BEGIN. MAY THE BEST WIN!!
I, TOMOKO MINAGEO, ACTIVATE THE EXTINCTION PROGRAM, CODE NAME: XENO-XO1
FLAP
MY GOD!! SHE'S CRAZY, UNDRESSING HERSELF LIKE THAT. WE JUST BARELY MET EACH OTHER!! A SMALL, DISCREET PEEK DOESN'T HURT ANYBODY...
TRANSMUTATION !!!
!!!
...WHAT IS THAT... WHAT IS THAT LIGHT?! I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!!
UHH...
It's always a censorship program!!


SORRY TO HAVE MADE YOU WAIT, GAIJIN... IN FRONT OF YOU STANDS THE PERFECT FORM OF DEFENCE AND OFFENCE FOR A SEISHIN USER.
GAAH, WHAT A LETDOWN!! FOOLED BY MY OWN ILLUSIONS... I EXPECTED SOMETHING MUCH SEXIER THAN THAT!!
WHAT ...?!


Anyway, I don't think I need to remind everyone the name of that technique...
!!
WHAT?! BUT THAT'S IMPOSS...
NICE TRY... BUT IN VAIN. NOW, IT'S MY TURN TO SHOW YOU...
53 cm out of bounds...
HRRH... NOBODY WARNED ME THIS MATCH HAD LIMITS!!
SHOHOKU WINS THE FIRST ROUND!

INCREDIBLE, THAT'S ALREADY ONE DOWN...
SORRY MY PRETTY BUT I CAN'T TAKE ANY RISK AGAINST YOU AND I'M IN A HURRY!!! I MUST ALSO SAY THAT MY FIGHT WITH THE OTAKU TAUGHT ME HOW TO HANDLE THAT TYPE OF SEISHIN
MASHIBA DOESN'T SEEM BOTHERED BY WHAT JUST WENT DOWN... I REALLY DON'T LIKE THIS...

WE'RE FINALLY THERE!! ANOTHER FIRE SEISHIN USER!! I HOPE YOU'VE GOT A FEW TRICKS TO SHOW ME, SO I CAN LEARN A BIT MORE, YOU KNOW... BY THE WAY, I DON'T SEE YOUR FRIEND WITH THE ROLLERS .. I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO TEST MY STRENGTH AGAINST HER RATHER THAN ANOTHER GEEK...
...
BLAM
OH, HE DOESN'T WASTE ANY TIME... HE WAS MORE TALKATIVE THE FIRST TIME AROUND... AT ANY RATE, IT'S AN INTERESTING TECHNIQUE TO MOVE AROUND AT HIGH SPEED!! I'M TAKING NOTE.
BUT...

AS YAKU USED TO SAY SO ELOQUENTLY, A FIGHT BETWEEN TWO USERS OF THE SAME TYPE, WITH NO MAJOR DIFFERENCE IN LEVELS, IS COMPLETELY DEVOID OF INTEREST... SO THERE IS NOTHING BETTER THAN A GOOD OLD CATEGORY FIGHT!

I guarantee
you're gonna take
a good one...

BOOM
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE ANYTHING WITH ALL THESE EXPLOSIONS..

A FIRE TECHNIQUE IS DESTINED TO FAIL AGAINST ME... AND YET...
YOU ACTUALLY DARED TO RUIN YOUR HAND BY BLOCKING MY ATTACK! YOU'RE EVEN MORE STUPID THAN I THOUGHT! THE ONLY THING YOU MANAGED TO DO IS TO REGENERATE ME!!
HAHA... THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT BUT LET ME REASSURE YOU, I ALREADY KNEW ABOUT THE SEISHIN AND I WAS DOING IT PURPOSELY... IT WAS ONLY A DIVERSION...
...I had no idea it would be so painful..

?!
AS A MEMBER FROM HIS TEAM, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME... THAT IS WHY I NEED YOUR HELP.
MY FIRE SHIELD WON'T LAST FOR LONG SO I'LL BE BRIEF... I WANT YOU TO DEFEAT HIROKI MASHIBA!!

Things have only taken a turn for the worse since our first match in this damn tournament...

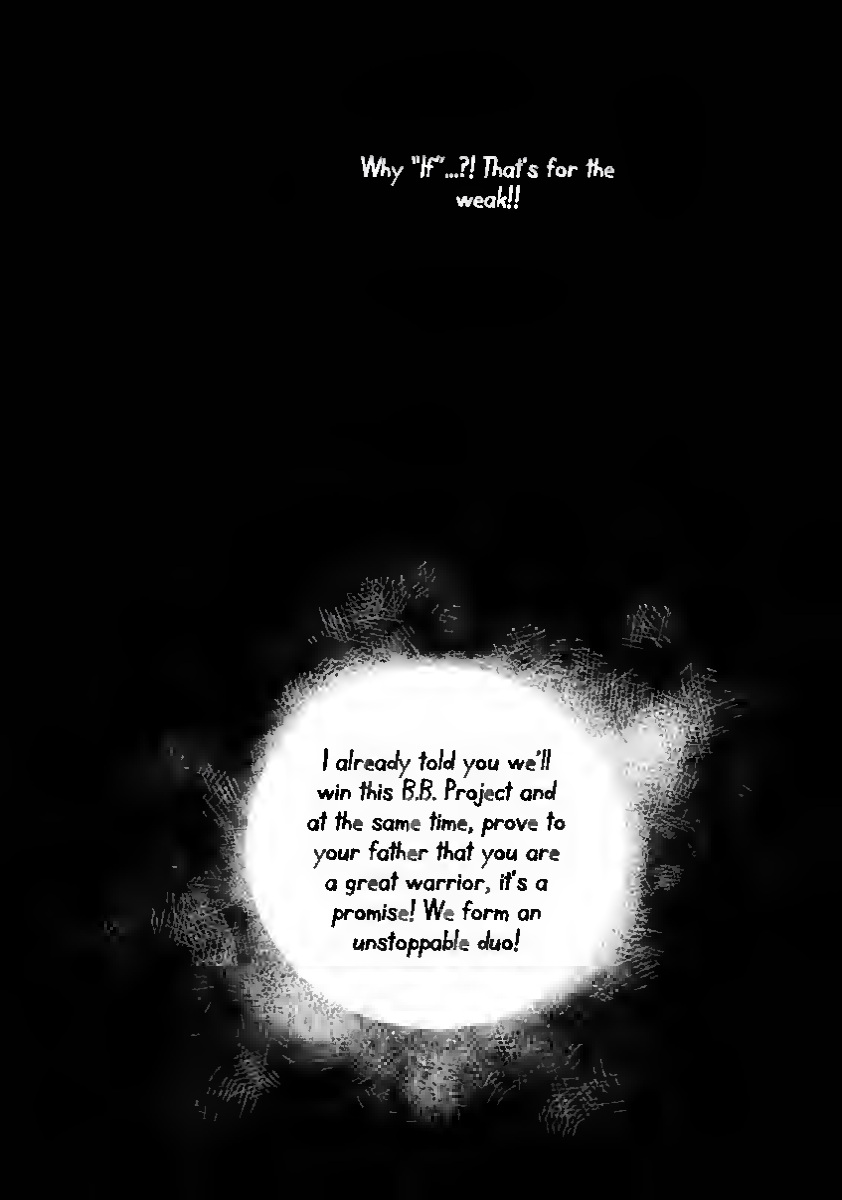
Mashiba treated all Gaijins like shit during our matches...
You really are just larvae...
I had my doubts, but I felt that Hayai wasn't comfortable with it... I could have been more present and helped her. But I did not...
And his sadism started to affect the atmosphere in our team... Was that really what we wished for?
And then one day...

...At the beginning, we decided to help Mashi a because he was a good friend and a tragic accident happened in his family...
...But what is left of our friendship today? Nothing at all... All in the name of revenge!!
ALRIGHT, THE FLAMES HAVE STARTED TO DISPERSE AND MY CONDITION WON'T ALLOW ME TO FIGHT... I HOPE YOU'LL MAKE GOOD USE OF THE ENERGY I GAVE YOU
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE I'M TELLING THAT STORY TO A COMPLETE STRANGER... WELL, I THINK YOU INTENDED TO WIN THAT MATCH ANYWAY SO I'M JUST GIVING YOU A LITTLE HELP...
I GIVE UP...

TCH... WHAT DID I TELL YOU GAIJIN?! YOU'RE A MISTAKE AND YOU CAN'T EVEN LAY A HAND ON ME...
THAT CAN'T BE... THE MATCH HAD JUST BEGUN... HOW...?
FRANCK!!

YOU SEE, SEISHIN REMAINS A JAPANESE EXCLUSIVITY!! BESIDES, I CAN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THE KYOTEKISEI'S CHOICE... A FAMILY WHICH HAS LONG HELPED US TO REPEL FOREIGN INVASION DECIDES SUDDENLY TO SWITCH SIDES... THEIR DESCENDANTS ARE ROTTEN TO THE CORE!!!
I... I never saw it coming... Kazuki even warned me to avoid touching him...
...So then, when...?!
No... Don't tell me that...
HIS SEISHIN MUST BE TIME-DELAYED AND IT WAS THE ONLY TIME HE COULD HAVE TOUCHED FRANCK... THAT BASTARD HAD IT ALL PLANNED FROM THE START!!
...THAT DECEITFUL CHEATER!! HE WANTS TO WIN LIKE THAT??! WHAT THE HELL ARE THE ORGANIZERS DOING?!
IT'S SAD BUT UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING UNDER THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES...
FRANCK !!!

GIVE UP!! EVEN IF YOU LOSE, IT'S FINE... WE CAN TAKE OVER!! I BEG YOU, PLEASE DON'T PLAY THE HERO!!
HAHAHA... I'D BE THE MOST SURPRISED ONE IF HE COULD SAY ANYTHING!!
I need to do something... Quickly...
...I'm suffocating... But I need to...
...Absolutely... to set myself ablaze...
...Sorry guys but I can't manage to do it...

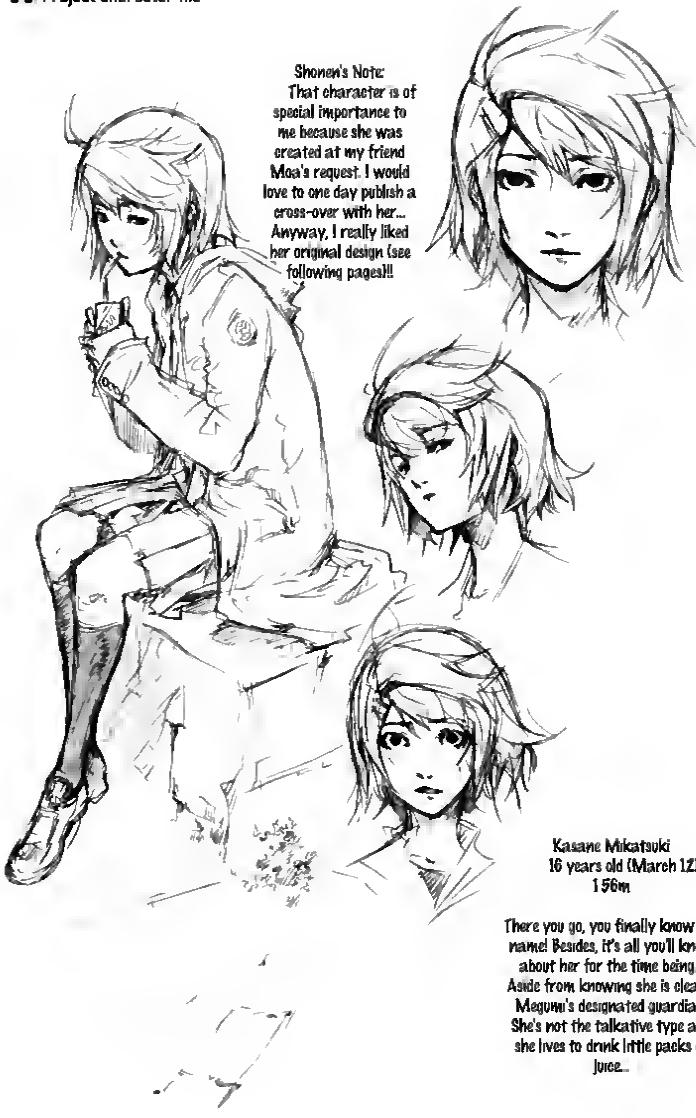

Why "If"...?! That's for the weak!!
I already told you we'll win this B.B. Project and at the same time, prove to your father that you are a great warrior, it's a promise! We form an unstoppable duo!

Even though it all went so well since the day began...

...I even had a dream that we accomplished the unthinkable... I was happy and confident...

...But now, I'm afraid to die...

...Is this really the end...?



Shonen's Note:
That character is of special importance to me because she was created at my friend Moa's request. I would love to one day publish a cross-over with her... Anyway, I really liked her original design (see following pages)!!

Kasane Mikatsuki
16 years old (March 12)
156m

There you go, you finally know her name! Besides, it's all you'll know about her for the time being... Aside from knowing she is clearly Megumi's designated guardian. She's not the talkative type and she lives to drink little packs of juice...

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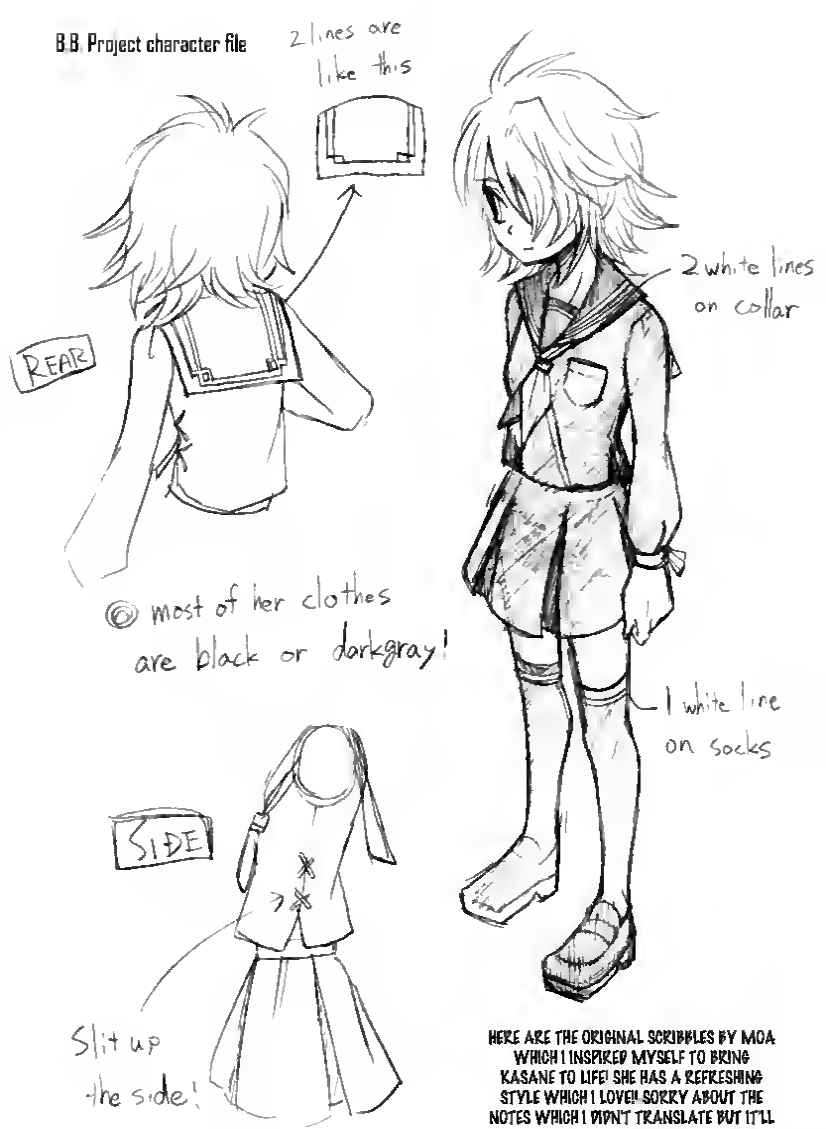
2 lines are like this
REAR
most of her clothes are black or darkgray!
2 white lines on collar
1 white line on socks
SIDE
Slit up the side!

HERE ARE THE ORIGINAL SCRIBBLES BY MOA WHICH I INSPIRED MYSELF TO BRING KASANE TO LIFE! SHE HAS A REFRESHING STYLE WHICH I LOVE!! SORRY ABOUT THE NOTES WHICH I DIDN'T TRANSLATE BUT IT'LL MAKE YOU PRACTICE YOUR ENGLISH!!

A FEW SKETCHES OF FACES WITH DIFFERENT ANGLES... I HAVE TO ADMIT I HAD SOME TROUBLE THE FIRST TIME I HAD TO DRAW HER HAIRCUT...

ANYWAY, I DON'T REGRET ASKING HER TO HELP ME WITH THE CREATION OF THAT ORIGINAL CHARACTER, THANKS AGAIN MOA!!

AND THAT'S IT FOR THE CHARACTER PROFILES!! YEP, IT WAS MOSTLY GIRLS BEING SHOWCASED BUT WHO WOULD COMPLAIN ABOUT THAT...?!

...IT'S OVER!! AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING...

YES, YOU DIDN'T MISREAD.. THE SERIES ENDS LIKE THAT FOR NOW

BECAUSE YOU STILL DO NOT KNOW...

- WHAT IS THE END GOAL OF THE B.B. PROJECT?
- WILL FRANCK EVER FIND A GIRLFRIEND.?
- WILL ALI SUCCEED IN HIS BID FOR POWER?

...WE DO NOT PLAN TO STOP THERE.

INDEED, IT WAS ONE OF THESE SERIES I HOLD DEAR... AND I THANK EVERY READER TO HAVE FOLLOWED THE ADVENTURES OF OUR NATIONAL HERO FRANCK THROUGHOUT THESE FIVE VOLUMES, WHILE AWAITING TO CONTINUE THE STORY WITH ANOTHER PUBLISHER, PERHAPS... CROSS YOUR FINGERS!!

WELL, WITH THAT BEING SAID, I DIDN'T WANT TO END THINGS ON SUCH A BRUTAL ENDING (WHICH MIGHT MAKE SOME PEOPLE MAD), SO I'M GIVING YOU AS BONUS, A SMALL CHAPTER DONE BY YOURS TRULY. TECHNICALLY, I USED COLOURING WITH A FELT-TIP PEN INSTEAD OF THE USUAL DITHERING SO I COULD GO FASTER... AND I REGRET DOING SO TODAY! ANYWAY, YOU BETTER ENJOY IT BECAUSE I WASN'T PAID FOR IT!! OH, AND FOR

AS FOR ME, I THINK IT'S TIME TO TAKE A SHORT BREAK... JUST A VERY SHORT ONE...

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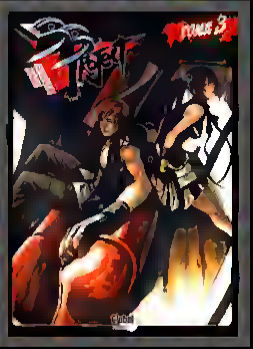

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...LET IT GO, MEGUMI... WE CAN MANAGE JUST FINE WITHOUT HIM.
WHAT A SLACKER!! LEAVING US AT A TIME LIKE THAT!
...IF I GET MY HANDS ON HIM, I'LL KILL HIM, THEN MAKE HIM DO MY CHORES FOR AN ENTIRE YEAR!!
Uhh... Wouldn't that be the other way around actually?!
...

THIS SUCKS... IF I HAD KNOWN WE'D BE TIDYING UP THE CLUB ROOM, I WOULDN'T HAVE COME AT ALL! IT'S NOT A JOB WORTHY OF A LECLERC...
...NOW... LET'S RUN!!
TU TU TU TU
HAA, NO!! MY CELLPHONE!! WHAT KIND OF ASSHOLE COULD BE.
HELLO... WHO'S THIS?
...YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE...
CLIP

MEGUMI... IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK. THE. . THE CARDBOARD BOX JUST FELL ON MY HEAD, I SWEAR!!!
ACK ...

COME ON, JUST A LITTLE MORE.. THAT CARDBOARD BOX GOES THERE...
POF
AND THERE YOU GO! DOESN'T IT LOOK MAGNIFICENT?!
IT ONLY HURT FOR A SHORT WHILE IN THE END .. I NO LONGER FEEL ANY PAIN!!
Critical fold
BWARGH ...
SHBOW
BOOM
FUCK!! STUPID CARDBOARD BOX.. IT WASN'T EVEN CLOSED!!
Yeah, I was supposed to do that, so what?!

HMM?!
...WHAT IS A MEMORY CARD DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...?!
...COULD BE THAT IT CONTAINS FILES SUCH AS PHOTOS OR VIDEOS...
...Photos or videos...
IT'S COMPATIBLE WITH MY CELLPHONE...
...GOTTA CHECK ITS CONTENTS IF I WANT TO RETURN IT TO ITS OWNER...

OH, AS I THOUGHT, THERE ARE PHOTOS BUT...
HMM...
I DON'T KNOW WHY... BUT I GET THE FEELING I'VE SEEN THAT GIRL BEFORE...
LET'S SEE... OH YES!! SHE'S THE FAMOUS GEISHA TRAINEE (OR MAIKO) THAT KAZUKI LOVES!! NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, IT MUST BE HIS MEMORY CARD.
...Kazuki is a stalker!!

OH?! IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S EVEN A VIDEO... IT'S FROM MARCH 17, 20XX...
RIGHT BEFORE MY ARRIVAL IN TOKYO...
I SHOULDN'T BE DOING THIS, BUT IT'S ONLY A QUICK PEEK...
THE SOUND SEEMS TO BE WORKING RIGHT... ALRIGHT, EVERYTHING IS SET, KAZUKI... YOU CAN START!!
THANK YOU SHINTA... WELL LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF, I AM KAZUKI TSUGY AND...
OH! IT MIGHT CONTAIN CRUCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE TOURNAMENT, WHO KNOWS!
WHAT?! THERE IS EVEN SOME KIND OF INTRODUCTION? I GUESS THIS VIDEO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BROADCAST... AND SHINTA'S ON IT?!
...THIS VIDEO IS FIRST AND FOREMOST INTENDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE SHOHOKU TEAM WHO WILL SOON PARTICIPATE IN THE B.B PROJECT. INDEED WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ASSEMBLE WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY, AN EXHAUSTIVE DATABASE...
...OF EVERY TEAM IN THE TOURNAMENT, AS WELL AS THEIR CHARACTERISTICS STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES.

I DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE ANYTHING UP TO CHANCE TO ASSURE OUR VICTORY, WE WILL NEED TO KNOW OUR OPPONENTS AND EXPLOIT THEIR FLAWS.
NOT USING THE POWER OF INFORMATION WOULD BE LIKE WALKING NAKED ON A MINEFIELD... GOOD, SHINTA, CUT... HOW WAS I?
YOU WERE GREAT, NOTHING ELSE TO SAY... UMH... WHAT WAS THE BUTTON TO CUT AGAIN...?/
Very well, let's continue...
ALTHOUGH MY SOURCES ARE RELIABLE AT A RATE OF OVER 90% I STILL HAVE MY OWN DOUBTS... I AM TALKING ABOUT IT TODAY BECAUSE SUCH IS THE CASE FOR A TEAM CALLED TEIKOO HIGH SCHOOL. THEY WILL BE OUR FIRST FIELD STUDY.
MOST OF YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW BUT MY SEISHIN ALLOWS ME TO ANALYZE THE ENERGY FLOW OF OTHER USERS AND DISCOVER THE VERY NATURE OF THEIR POWER.

The reputation of the fighters from that team is well above average and yet, their Seishin remains a complete mystery...
...So it shall be my duty to uncover their secrets!
...TEIKOO?! IF THEY'RE SO STRONG, WHY WEREN'T THEY EVER MENTIONED DURING OUR MEETINGS...?
HAHA... I KNEW IT...
MY SOURCES WERE RIGHT THEY SQUAT IN THE PARK EVERYDAY INSTEAD OF GOING TO CLASS...

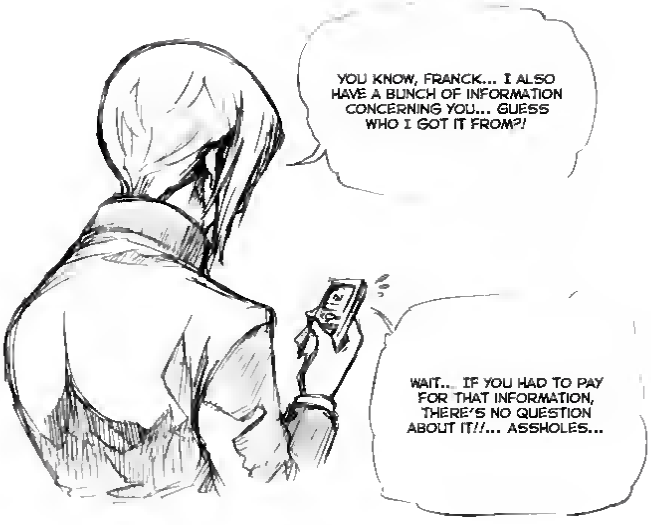
WHAT WILL WE DO, KAZUKI?! THEY'RE NOT LIKELY TO SHOW US THEIR SEISHIN...
DON'T WORRY, SHINTA... JUST CONTINUE TO FILM AND I'LL HANDLE THE REST.
WHAT?! PLERSE DON'T TELL ME YOU INTEND TO GO MEET THEM...?! I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING BE THAT SIMPLE...
Alright, I'm going... Nothing ventured, nothing gained!!
What is that clown saying?!
No idea but he's bothering me... returning my reading of Unlucky Star...
HEY, YOU SAD LOSERS OVER THERE!! DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD GO ELSEWHERE?! YOU'RE COMPLETELY RUINING THE HARMONY REIGNING IN THIS PUBLIC SPACE!!
Meh, idiot... It's exactly because it's public that we're here!!

OH DEAR .. THEY DON'T SEEM ALL THAT FRIENDLY!! BUT ALSO... KAZUKI NEVER TOLD ME HE COULD MANAGE HIS OWN IN A FIGHT...
We're gonna crush you, four-eyes!!
Come on!! Bring it on!! Show me what you can do... Let me collect data on your Seishin, even if it's just a fragment of it..
Hmm... How odd... Still nothing yet... Even though they're rushing towards me... Still no energy flow..
Wait... What if, in fact, they...
DUN!

I CONFIRM MY HYPOTHESIS AFTER IMPACT... THE SUBJECTS IN QUESTION DO NOT POSSESS ANY SEISHIN... I REPEAT, THEY DO NOT POSSESS ANY SEISHIN! THEY'RE JUST STRONGER THAN YOUR AVERAGE FIGHTER, HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOTHING WE CAN'T HANDLE..
WITH THAT BEING SAID , COULD YOU STOP FILMING AND COME HELP ME, SHINTA.. PLEASE..
HOLD ON, I'M COMING RIGHT AWAY!!
HUH?! WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
NO ONE TOLD ME THERE WAS A MONSTER IN THAT PARK!!... MOMMY...

A few onomatopoeia and sounds of broken bones later...
WHEW... THEY WON'T GET ME TWICE!! FROM NOW ON, I'LL TRY A MORE SUBTLE APPROACH... ANYWAY, AT LEAST WE KNOW ONE THING FOR SURE...
...OUR TEAM HAS NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THEM IN THE TOURNAMENT...
UHH... I AGREE WITH YOU, KAZUKI... BUT I DOUBT THEY CAN STILL TAKE PART IN THE TOURNAMENT IN THEIR CURRENT STATE... WE JUST INDIRECTLY ELIMINATED A TEAM...
YES, I KNOW... NORMALLY, THAT WOULD BE WORTHY OF PUNISHMENT ACCORDING TO THE RULES, BUT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WAS A CASE OF FORCE MAJEURE...
AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BEST TO ABANDON THAT VIDEO IDEA LEST WE WANT TO COMMIT ANOTHER MAJOR BLUNDER...

A few days later...
IF ANYONE EVER GOT WIND OF THIS, I HAVE COMPROMISING INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, SHINTA... SO DON'T LET ME DOWN!!
I... I WON'T SAY ANYTHING, PROMISED...
MISTER TSUGYO?!... I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ON MARCH 17... BUT DON'T WORRY, WE CAN COME TO AN ARRANGEMENT, IF YOU CATCH MY DRIFT...
...MORE IMPORTANTLY, KEEP THAT TO YOURSELF. HUH?! NOT A WORD TO ANYONE. NOT EVEN TO SHINMARU!! YOU DIDN'T SEE. NOR HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED. UNDERSTAND??!
Hoh... Shit... I'm toast!!
HELLO...?! UHH... IT'S YOU FRANCK... WHY ARE YOU USING THAT WEIRD VOICE?!


YOU KNOW, FRANCK... I ALSO HAVE A BUNCH OF INFORMATION CONCERNING YOU... GUESS WHO I GOT IT FROM?!
WAIT... IF YOU HAD TO PAY FOR THAT INFORMATION, THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT!!... ASSHOLES...

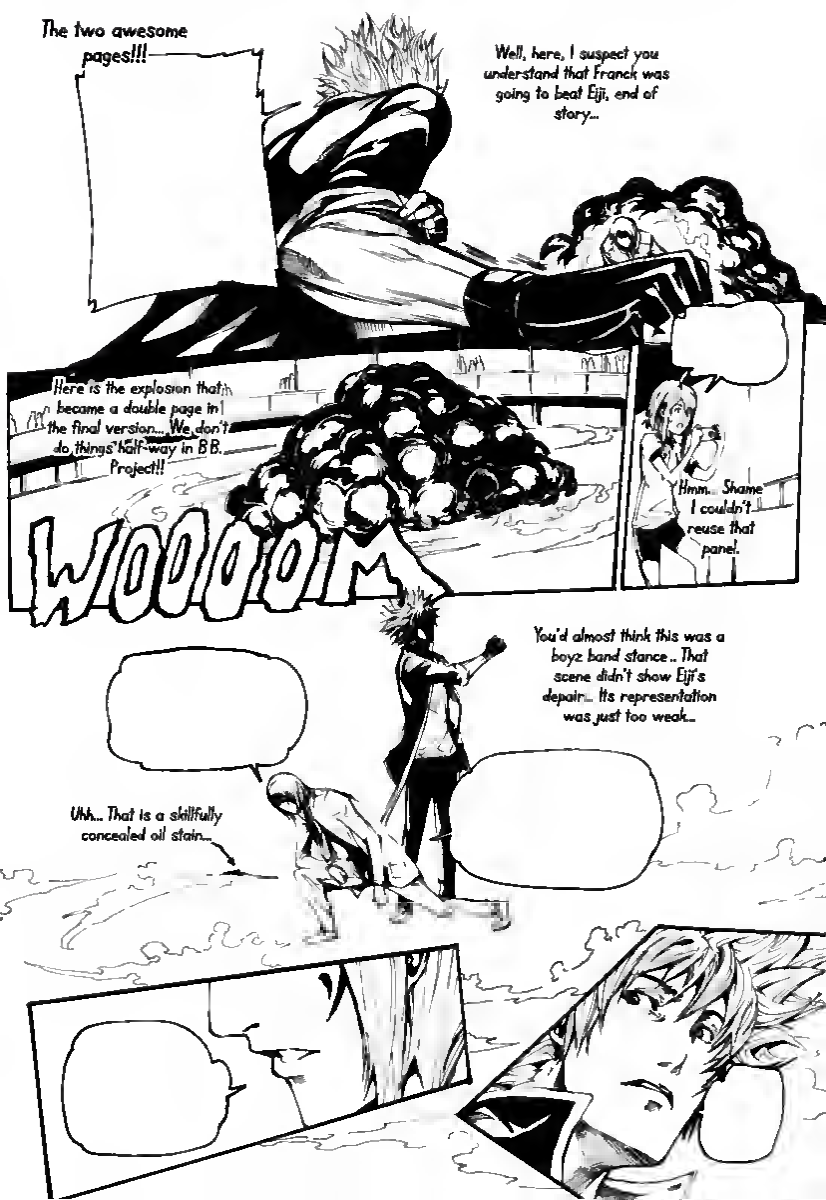
B.B. Project: The Making of...

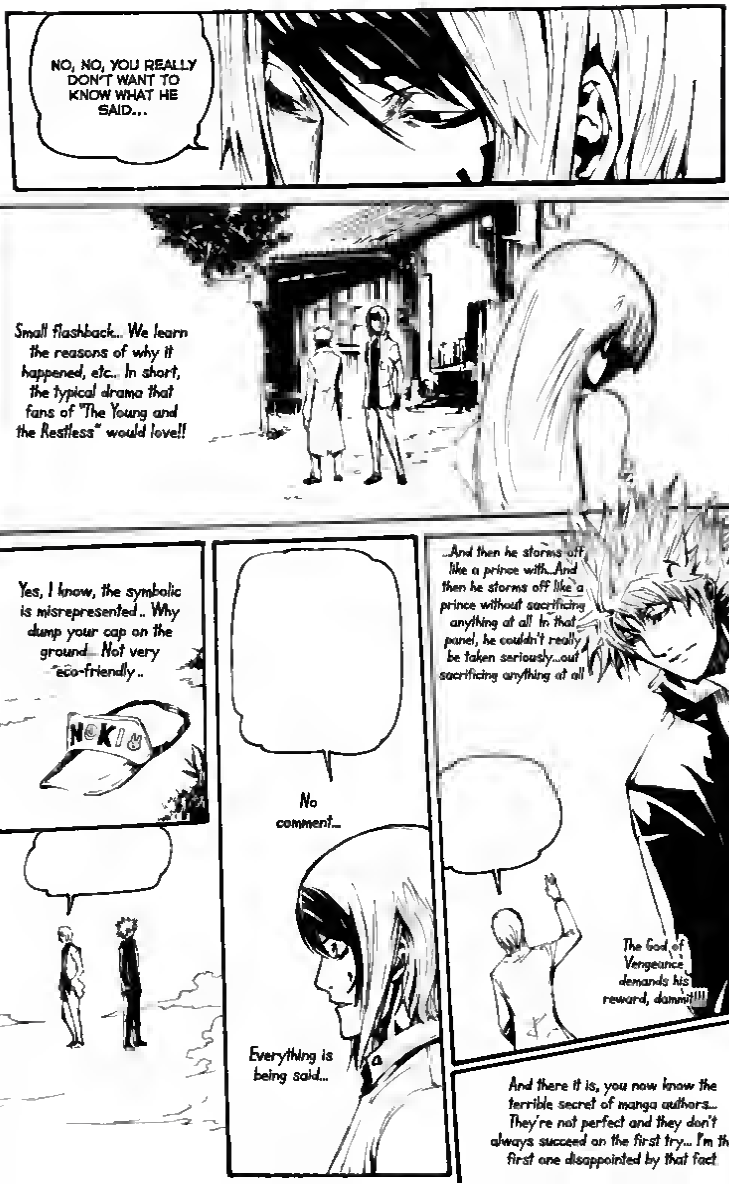
Yep, hard to believe but the pages which you're currently reading weren't always so "clean".

I often end up having to replace entire panels for various reasons: incoherence, dissatisfaction, I messed it up... For now, I'll dwell on the replacement of entire pages. In the last chapter of the current volume, I ended up replacing two pages with... Eight!!

It's actually quite simple. Originally, I didn't really have time; hence the 2 pages coming up next... However, compressing such a scene that much made the sequence and explanations a bit confusing. That is why, in the end, for clarity purposes, I preferred wasting my time doing more...

I know, you won't look at me the same way ever again...


The two awesome pages!!!
Well, here, I suspect you understand that Franck was going to beat Eiji, end of story...
Here is the explosion that became a double page in the final version... We don't do things half-way in B.B. Project!!
WOOOOIM
Hmm... Shame I couldn't reuse that panel.
You'd almost think this was a boyz band stance.. That scene didn't show Eiji's depair... Its representation was just too weak...
Uhh... That is a skillfully concealed oil stain...


NO, NO, YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO KNOW WHAT HE SAID...
Small flashback... We learn the reasons of why it happened, etc... In short, the typical drama that fans of "The Young and the Restless" would love!!
Yes, I know, the symbolic is misrepresented.. Why dump your cap on the ground... Not very "eco-friendly"..
NOKIA
No comment...
Everything is being said...
...And then he storms off like a prince with...And then he storms off like a prince without sacrificing anything at all. In that panel, he couldn't really be taken seriously...out sacrificing anything at all
The God of Vengeance demands his reward, damnit!!!!
And there it is, you now know the terrible secret of manga authors... They're not perfect and they don't always succeed on the first try... I'm the first one disappointed by that fact

FREETALK

SHONEN

I won't dwell again on the cancellation of the series... Truth be told, I don't really see what else I could add to that. I have the desire to continue but I unfortunately do not have the power to do so... So I now realize my powerlessness and I started being aware of my own limits... Despite everything that could be said at a time like this, is that really a reason to just drop it all? I don't think so... On the contrary, it is precisely at that moment that you need to show that you are able to get back up, to learn from your mistakes and to start anew!! I hold no regrets and that experience brought me a lot, whether it was good or bad. I apologize in advance if the ideas I express seem all jumbled up but as I am writing these lines, it is late, my eyes are tired and my mind is wandering off...

Shit, you'd almost think that was a suicide letter!!

Anyway, you see how things are... On the bright side, it allowed me to do something I love and gave me the chance to meet my readers!! (Even if I don't always enjoy book signings...)

Let's hope that the series will continue one day, you never know. Until then, I only have thing to say

See you soon!!

LE PETIT MOT DE LA FIN...

ALLEZ, JUSTE HISTOIRE DE VOUS EMMERDER JUSQU'À LA TOUTE FIN ET VOUS PROUVER QUE CETTE SÉRIE N'EST PAS MORTE, J'AI DÉCIDÉ DE LANCER UN PETIT SONDAGE !!
EN EFFET, ON VA FAIRE COMME LA PLUPART DES SÉRIES AU JAPON, C'EST-À-DIRE "MESURER" LA COTE DE POPULARITÉ DES PERSONNAGES DE B-B PROJECT !!
LE PRINCIPE EST SIMPLE, METTEZ SIMPLEMENT LES DEUX NOMS DE VOS PERSONNAGES FAVORIS ET ENVOYEZ LE TOUT PAR MAIL À L'ADRESSE SUIVANTE :

starbot@free.fr

C'EST PAS LA PEINE DE SPAMMER CETTE BOÎTE MAIL, JE NE COMPTABILISERAI QU'UNE SEULE ENTRÉE À LA FOIS !!
DU RESTE, LES RÉSULTATS SERONT DÉVOILÉS BIEN PLUS TARD SUR MON COMPTE DEVIANTART :

http://shonensan.deviantart.com

MERCI ENCORE DE VOTRE FIDÉLITÉ ET BON VOTE !!!

A FEW PARTING WORDS...

Why not, if only to bug you until the very end and prove you this series isn't dead, I decided to start a little poll!! Indeed, we'll do just like most of the series in Japan, which means to "measure" the popularity of the B-B Project characters!!
It's pretty simple, just write the name of two of your favourite characters and send it by email to the following address

starbot@free.fr

It's pointless to try spamming that inbox, I'll only tally votes one at a time!!

As for the rest, the results will be revealed much later on my DeviantArt account.

HTTP://shonen.deviantart.com

Again, thank you for your loyalty and have a good vote!!

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Rhea is a stress Reliver. She has weights on her arms which reduce her speed but add quite a bit more strength to her punches... the chains can be removed depending on the circumstance. (Her name is from the Greek Mythology. Rhea is a Titaness, a daughter of Uranus and Gaia, name as the mother of the gods Rhea and Cronus as the immortal King and Queen of the Gods. This time was called the Golden Age)
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